



FCE Listening focus

Multiple choice (part 4)

You're going to hear a journalist called Max Wilson talking about a book about luck in sport by Matthew Syed. Listen to the interview and, for questions 1-7, choose the best answer, A, B or C.

- 1 Max says that top sportspeople usually believe their success is due to
 - A good fortune.
 - B hard work.
 - C natural skill.
- 2 According to Max, the examples of recent sporting achievements prove
 - A that people in general have become stronger and fitter.
 - B that standards are getting higher.
 - C that technology is responsible for improved performance.
- 3 What does Max say about very talented young children?
 - A It's easy to tell which will be the top performers.
 - B They will succeed without special training.
 - C As they get older their development may be slower.
- 4 In the book Matthew Syed says he had a greater chance of success because of
 - A his parents' love of table tennis.
 - B his competitive brother.
 - C his own ambition.
- 5 What advantage is mentioned of the Omega Club when Matthew joined?
 - A It was open all the time.
 - B It had a lot of good players.
 - C It had great facilities.
- 6 Matthew thinks the success of the Omega Club members was
 - A hard to explain.
 - B easy to predict.
 - C a happy accident.
- 7 Max says that a ten-year investigation has shown that lucky people
 - A believe they will succeed.
 - B look for good opportunities.
 - C depend less on talent.

