

Unit 6: COMPETITIONS- PART 1

Trang: What are you reading, Paul?

Paul: The history of Boston Marathon.

Trang: It sounds (1) _____! How often is it held?

Paul: Every year, in the USA.

Trang: When did it begin?

Paul: In 1897. And the same year, John McDermott won the first Boston (2) _____ Association Marathon.

Trang: Who was John McDermott? Where did he come from?

Paul: He was the first man who won the first Boston Marathon in the USA. He came from New York.

Trang: How long did it take him to (3) _____ the finish?

Paul: He clocked 2 hours (4) _____ minutes and 10 seconds.

Trang: Did women have right to participate in long (5) _____ running?

Paul: Yes ... But not until (6) _____, women were formally accepted to take part in the Boston races... A few years later, Kuscik became the first (7) _____ female champion.

Trang: When did she win the race?

Paul: In 1972. There were 8 women starting the race and all 8 finished.

Trang: Is the race held for only American people?

Paul: No. Each year, more runners from every part of the world join it. In 1984, (8) _____ runners from 34 countries ran in the marathon.

Trang: What are the rules of the Boston Marathon?

Paul: The Boston race is about (9) _____ km. Runners have to go through 13 towns during the race. It ends in the centre of Boston.

Trang: Oh, that's (10) _____. Thanks a lot, Paul.