

Listening Comprehension Summarizing.

The Man Called Air

Famous basketball Player Michael Jordan didn't even make his high school Varsity team. He kept working at basketball . It is said he would practice alone in the school gym early in the mornings. Through out his career he worked very hard and **prepared** himself to become better at the sport.

Michael Jordan hard work brought him great **reward**. He was a **professional** basketball player and was considered by most to have been the best basketball player in the world. Jordan was nicknamed Air because he seemed to be almost air borne when he played. He could jump higher, move better and shoot quicker than any other player.

Michael Jordan was a leader on the court. With Jordan's leadership the Chicago Bulls won the world s Championship five times. In one game he scored 69 points. Jordan retired from basketball in 1998. Basketball stars Magic Johnson and Larry Bird agree that there is no other player like Magic Jordan and there probably never would be. He is a favorite of fans and athletes all around the world he was the best that ever **existed**.

Write the answer to the question on the line.

1. What did Michael Jordan do to help himself reach his goal?

2. What is the article mostly about?

- a. Basketball
- b. Michael Jordan

- c. The Chicago Bulls
- d. The World Championship

3. Is the article fiction or non-fiction? _____

4. Write **yes** if the idea is important to the article. Write **no** if the idea is not important to the article.

a. Michael Jordan worked hard to become a great athlete. _____

b. Jordan was nicknamed Air. _____

c. Jordan went to the gym early to practice. _____

d. He is considered one of the best basketball players ever. _____

e. He could jump higher, shoot better, move quicker, and score more points than almost everyone. _____

f. Larry Bird and Magic Johnson are basketball stars too. _____

5. Use the details from number 4 to write a summary.

6. Write fact if the statement is a fact. Write opinion if the statement is an opinion.

- a. Michael Jordan was a professional basketball player _____
- b. Learning to play basketball is easier than learning to play football.

- c. In one game he scored 69 points _____
- d. Jordan is considered by most people to be the best basketball player in the world. _____
- e. Magic Johnson and Larry Bird are both basketball stars

Choose the words from the box that best replaces each underline word or phrase. Write the word on the line.

Professional	championship	exist	retired	prepared	reward
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- 1. Playing basketball was his profession. This made him a _____ basketball player.
- 2. Some players are given tokens of a good deed after retiring. _____
- 3. He got ready by practicing very hard _____
- 4. At the end of the season, they won the state contest that decided the final winner. _____
- 5. Jordan gave up working in 1998. _____
- 6. Jordan seemed to be the best player that have ever been. _____