UNIT 6: A SPORTS STAR (Workbook page 57)

THINK! Name five famous international sports stars. Who is the most famous sports star in your country? What is his / her sport?

Usain Bolt



1 Usain Bolt's full name is Usain Saint Leo Bolt and he is an athlete from Jamaica. He was born on 21st August 1986 in a small town in Jamaica called Sherwood Content and he now lives in Kingston.

2 Bolt first competed in sprint races when he was at school, and at the age of sixteen he was the youngest ever world junior champion for 200 metres. He continued to win competitions and then turned professional in 2004.

3 Bolt first broke a world record in a 100-metre race in May 2008 and after that he broke more records in 100- and 200-metre races. He also won gold medals at the Olympics in Beijing and London and became world champion for both the 100 and 200 metres. He's one of the most successful competitors in the history of athletics.

Read the profile of Usain Bolt. Complete the following sentences based on what you read.

1. He was born _____ 21st August 1986.
2. He _____ lives in Kingston.
3. He first competed _____ he was at school.
4. He started racing _____ the age of 16.
5. He _____ broke a world record in 2008.
6. _____ that, he broke more records.
7. He _____ gold medals at the Olympics in Beijing and London.
8. He _____ for both 100 and 200 metres events.

Language point: Paragraphs

1 **Read the text. Number the paragraphs 1–3.**

Sports superstar: Missy Franklin



A ☐ She first broke a world record in 2011 for the 200 metres, and she won four gold medals at the London Olympics. She's one of the best young swimmers in the world.

B ☐ Missy Franklin's full name is Melissa Jeanette Franklin and she is a swimmer from the United States. She was born on 10th May 1995 in California in the USA and she now lives in Colorado.

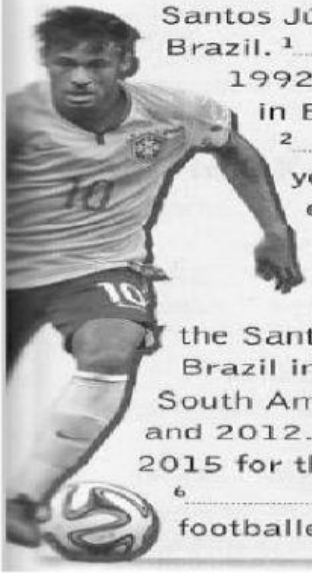
C ☐ She first started swimming when she was five. She began to compete in important competitions in 2010 at the age of fourteen.

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2. Complete the text with the phrases. Then, rewrite the text in the space provided into 3 paragraphs. Look at the example of paragraphing in Missy Franklin's profile.

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first played football He is one of the
He was born on ~~Neymar's full name is~~

Sports superstar: Neymar



Neymar's full name is Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior and he is a football player from Brazil. [1] ..... 5th February 1992 near São Paulo in Brazil, but he now lives in Europe and plays football there. Neymar [2] ..... when he was a young boy, and [3] ..... eleven he became a junior player with the famous Brazilian team Santos. He [4] ..... for Santos and in 2009 he became a player in the Santos first team. Neymar first played for Brazil in 2010, and [5] ..... South American footballer of the year in 2011 and 2012. He also won the Samba Gold award in 2015 for the best Brazilian footballer in Europe. [6] ..... most successful footballers in the world.

Based on the previous text about Missy Franklin, rewrite Neymar's profile into 3 paragraphs. The first sentence of paragraph 1 and 2 is given for you.

Neymar's full name is Neymar de Silva Santos Junior and he is a football player from Brazil.

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Neymar first played _____

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_____ in 2010, and _____

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3 ★★ **Read the factfile. Then complete the text.**

Factfile

Name: Claudia Fragapane **Nationality:** British
Sport: gymnast
Born: 24th October 1997, Bristol, United Kingdom
Lives: Bristol area
Family: parents, sisters
First started: six years old
First important competition: eleven years old
British gymnastics team: sixteen years old
Greatest moments:
four gold medals at Commonwealth Games 2014, most successful gymnast in eighty years, BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year 2014

My life

My name is Claudia Fragapane and I'm a [1] _____ gymnast. I [2] _____ on 24th October [3] _____ in Bristol, a city in the west of the [4] _____. I now live in the Bristol area with my parents and my [5] _____.

My sport

I first began to do gymnastics when I [6] _____ years old. I started to compete in important competitions when I [7] _____ years old and I first became a gymnast in the [8] _____ when I was sixteen.

My greatest moments

My greatest moment was when I won [9] _____ at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in [10] _____ when I was seventeen – I became the [11] _____ British gymnast in eighty years! I also won BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year in [12] _____. That was really exciting!



Claudia Fragapane at the Commonwealth Games. People from the UK, Australia, India, Canada and many other countries compete in these games.

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