



## **READING PRACTICE**

### **What's your sport?**

We asked three teenagers to tell us about their favourite sport and their sporting achievements.

Tennis has been my favourite sport for a long time. I started playing tennis when I was six. My parents thought I had talent, so they arranged for me to have lessons after school. When I was twelve, I entered my first competition. I didn't win my matches, but I kept trying. Last year, I became the junior tennis champion for my area. I was amazed – and my mum and dad were very proud! **Aliyah**

I've always loved football. Mum says that my first word was 'ball'. I was two when I started playing football in the garden with my brother. When I got older, I played football with my friends in the park. I've been a member of the school football club for four years and last year I became the captain of my team. It's my job to lead the team and help everyone to play their best. The coach says that I do my job really well. **Oliver**

I didn't like sport as a young child, but when I was ten, my mum and dad took me on a skiing holiday in Switzerland. I tried skiing and I loved it straight away! When we got home, I wanted to continue skiing. There aren't many mountains for skiing in Britain so my parents took me to a dry ski slope. Since then, I've practised every week. Six months ago, I entered my first competition and came second. **Beth**

1. Aliyah started playing tennis when she was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) two                    b) six                    c) twelve
2. In Aliyah's first competition, she didn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) win any matches    b) lose any matches    c) enjoy herself
3. Oliver played football in the garden with his \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) dad                    b) mum                    c) brother
4. Oliver has been a member of the school football club \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) for four years      b) since last year      c) for six months
5. Beth \_\_\_\_ sport as a young child.  
a) liked                    b) loved                    c) didn't like
6. Beth came \_\_\_\_ in her first competition.  
a) first                    b) second                    c) third

**Read the text again and answer the questions.**

- 1) What did Aliyah achieve last year?
- 2) What is Oliver's coach's opinion of how he does his job?
- 3) When did Beth first start to try skiing?

- 4) What is one problem with learning to ski in Britain?
- 5) How often does Beth practise?

**Find words in the text that mean the same:**

- 1) CONTINUED (**Aliyah**)
- 2) SURPRISED (**Aliyah**)
- 3) TO GUIDE (**Oliver**)
- 4) IMMEDIATELY (**Beth**)