

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)**