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## Top 3 Paralympians who inspire in Brazil 2016

The Paralympic Games is a major event that has a great impact on disabled people's lives, so I have high hopes for Korea 2018. It will be an 11-day event where 4,350 disabled athletes from 176 different countries will compete in the spirit of the Paralympic core values: courage, determination, inspiration and equality.



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**E**sther Vergeer is a wheelchair tennis player from the Netherlands. A nine-hour operation left Vergeer without use of her legs. She can't walk but she can play tennis, basketball, and volleyball in a wheelchair. This phenomenal athlete is number one in the world for wheelchair tennis. She won 7 gold medals in singles and doubles.

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**F**ranz Nietlispach is a Swiss wheelchair athlete, handcyclist and politician. He can't walk but he can ride a bicycle and can play table tennis. He won a total of twenty-two medals- fourteen gold, six silver and two bronze medals. He is a good example for his community in Switzerland and the whole world. B

**T**rischa Zorn is an American swimmer. She is a teacher and a Paralympic athlete. She can't see but she can swim perfectly! She won 55 medals in total – 41 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze medals – between 1980 and 2004, and for the United States. We can't be so impressed!

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<b>Name</b>			
<b>Surname</b>			
<b>Nationality</b>			
<b>Occupation</b>	A tennis player	An athlete and _____	An athlete and _____
<b>Activities they can do</b>			
<b>Activities they can't do</b>			
<b>Number of medals</b>			