

Unit 5 Quiz: To the Edge

A CONVERSATION

Complete the conversation below using the words in the box.

challenges endure goal push record

A: Why do you compete in marathons?

B: I like facing ¹ _____ and overcoming them. For example, a lot of runners ² _____ pain from sore feet and muscles. It can be difficult to keep going during the race. You need a lot of mental toughness to ³ _____ through the pain.

A: Did I hear that today you're hoping to break your personal ⁴ _____?

B: Yes, that's right. My ⁵ _____ is to improve my time to four hours.

B GRAMMAR

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 He had been compete internationally for many years before he was selected to go to the Olympics.

2 She had being a gymnast before she started her figure skating career.

3 By the age of 3, Annie had already learn how to play the piano.

4 Scott having been thinking about retiring when he was asked to extend his contract.

5 By the time Lee's classmates finished the first question, Lee had already turning in the test.

6 Josephine had been worked as a waitress for many years before she decided to open her own restaurant.

C TED TALK

Read the excerpt from David Blaine's TED Talk. Write the number of the underlined word next to its meaning.

As a young magician, I was 1obsessed with [Harry] Houdini and his underwater challenges. So, I began, early on, competing against the other kids, seeing how long I could stay 2underwater while they went up and down to breathe, you know, five times, while I stayed under on one breath ...

As a 3magician, I try to show things to people that seem 4impossible. And I think magic, whether I'm holding my breath or shuffling a deck of cards, is pretty simple.

- a something that cannot happen
- b extremely interested in something
- c a person who performs special tricks that don't seem real
- d below the surface of a swimming pool or other body of water