

# 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and overcoming them. For example, a lot of runners  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ pain from sore feet and muscles. It can be difficult to keep going during the  
race. You need a lot of mental toughness to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ through the pain.

A: Did I hear that today you're hoping to break your personal <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Yes, that's right. My <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>1</sup>obsessed with [Harry] Houdini and his underwater challenges. So, I began, early on, competing against the other kids, seeing how long I could stay <sup>2</sup>underwater while they went up and down to breathe, you know, five times, while I stayed under on one breath ...*

*As a <sup>3</sup>magician, I try to show things to people that seem <sup>4</sup>impossible. 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