

## VOCABULARY UNIT 7

1 Rewrite the sentences with the words and phrases below. Make any necessary changes.

**opponent | let down | hire | cope with | willing**

1 I know I disappointed you.

2 I can help you with this work.

3 This is too much work for you to do alone.

4 I hope they give you the job!

5 She's playing against a younger player.

2 Choose two correct answers and then complete each sentence with a word or phrase that makes it logical.

1 The **trophy / sign / award** was given to the .....

2 You can improve your **speed / strength / effort** by ..... more.

3 Do you think we can **score / defeat / beat** a team that's so ..... ?

4 At first the runner was **way ahead / in a row / in the lead**, but she ended up coming .....

5 The **tournament / championship / sportsmanship** will be shown on .....

6 The crowd **went wild / displayed / cheered** when the home team .....

3 Match A to B to form compound nouns. Then complete the sentences with the compound nouns. Use two words, one word or a hyphen.

A	B
1 kick	..... a jump
2 finish	..... b off
3 guide	..... c up
4 long	..... d line
5 runner	..... e lines

1 These ..... explain how to do the project.

2 They played brilliantly, from the ..... until the end!

3 The ..... requires strength and speed.

4 We cheered as the runners crossed the .....

5 The ..... was disappointed not to win.

4 Complete the sentences in a logical way. Pay attention to the words in bold.

- 1 Someone who is **badly injured** should be taken to .....
- 2 Most people are **fast asleep** by .....
- 3 There wouldn't be such **heavy traffic** if more people .....
- 4 The **vast majority** of teenagers own .....
- 5 It's **highly unlikely** that people will ever .....
- 6 Someone with a **slight accent** may be from .....
- 7 A **humble** person does not .....
- 8 A **spectator** is someone who .....

5 Complete the passage with the words and expressions below. There are more words than you need.

**highly unlikely** | **rapid growth** | **superstar** | **no matter** | **valid point**  
**bright future** | **esteemed** | **turnaround** | **sign** | **break records**

The Boston Red Sox, Boston's well-loved baseball team, was said by some to be under a curse for more than eight decades.

In 1919, after winning the World Series five times, they seemed to have a <sup>1</sup> ..... ahead of them. But that year their manager sold player Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees, where he went on to <sup>2</sup> ..... and become the sport's first <sup>3</sup> ..... . He is still among the most <sup>4</sup> ..... players of all time.

Meanwhile, between then and the end of the century, the Red Sox played in only four World Series – and lost them all! Many called this the Curse of the Bambino, saying it was a <sup>5</sup> ..... that selling Babe Ruth had been a huge mistake and that the team was <sup>6</sup> ..... to ever win a championship again. They were wrong.

In 2004, after 86 years, the Red Sox finally made a <sup>7</sup> ..... and won the World Series at last. For the fans who had always loved their team <sup>8</sup> ..... what, the Curse of the Bambino was over.

## GRAMMAR UNIT 7

1 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1 "I'll repair the laptop by tomorrow," promised the technician.

2 "Don't take off your life jacket," my sailing instructor ordered.

3 "I didn't score any goals yesterday," said Janet.

4 "You've practised enough today," the coach announced.

5 "You must swim well to get into the team," Steve explained.

6 "I can't pay you back until next week," Gary said.

7 "We're coming to your match," Nancy told Sam.

8 "These running shoes are uncomfortable," the athlete complained.

**2** Rewrite the questions in reported speech.

1 "How many races has Andrew won?" Cindy wanted to know.

2 "Did you feed the cat this morning?" my sister asked me.

3 "When are they going to interview the winner?" wondered a fan.

4 "Do you train here every day?" Nigel asked Marie.

**3** Rewrite the sentences in reported speech using the reporting verbs below. Make any necessary changes.  
**admit | remind | suggest | announce | advise | warn | complain | wonder**

1 "Don't forget your trainers," my mother said.

2 "The team has never played worse," said the fan.

3 "I'm going to give you a red card next time!" the referee told the player.

4 "Is Ronaldo the world's best football player?" Lou asked.

5 "You should exercise more," the doctor told me.

6 "Let's buy our tickets here," said my friend.

7 "I didn't show good sportsmanship last night," the player said.

8 "Serena Williams has just won the tournament!" said the reporter.

**4** Complete the second sentence to logically follow the first. Use reported speech.

1 I want to improve as a player. My coach **advised** me .....

2 The player spoke to reporters before the game. He **predicted** that .....

3 We walked into class late. The teacher **wanted to know** .....

4 We had a party last night. Our neighbour **complained** .....

5 The sea suddenly got stormy. The lifeguard **ordered** .....

6 My friend needed a lift home. I **promised** her .....