

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases below. There are more words than you need.

*performances • displayed • no matter • awards • opponents • broke a record • tournaments
successful • defeated*

Venus and Serena Williams

- 1 Sisters Serena and Venus Williams are two of the most tennis players in history.
- 2 They have won many for their accomplishments.
- 3 Serena and Venus often compete as in the same match.
- 4 The Grand Slam is a series of four tennis held in Australia, France, England and the US.
- 5 In 2017, at a Grand Slam match in Australia, Serena Venus.
- 6 When she did this, she by winning a Grand Slam tennis title 23 times.
- 7 Serena and Venus love each other how often they play against each other.

2 Match a sentence beginning in A to the correct ending in B. Pay attention to the words in bold.

A

- 1 He needs more guidelines
- 2 He'll have to learn to cope
- 3 He'll win the **championship**
- 4 Our team needs **unity**
- 5 People in our city completely **identify**
- 6 The **outlook** for next season
- 7 The runner is **in the lead**
- 8 This could be a **sign**

B

- a with our team.
- b with the situation.
- c and he's going to win.
- d is excellent
- e that they're going to win.
- f and cooperation.
- g that will tell him what to do.
- h if he trains hard.

3 Complete the sentences using a suitable word to show that you understand the words in bold.

- 1 The **runner-up** comes
- 2 A **humble** person doesn't
- 3 You may get a **trophy** if you
- 4 You cross the **finish line** at the of the race.
- 5 Winning five matches **in a row** means that you didn't once.
- 6 A person who makes an **effort** is hard.
- 7 **Teammates** play for the same
- 8 When you **beat** a team, they the match.

4 Choose the correct explanation for each sentence. Pay attention to the words in bold.

- 1 The player **scored** a basket.
 - a The ball almost went in.
 - b His team got two points.
- 2 You need to improve your **speed**.
 - a You ought to swim faster.
 - b Your style should be better.
- 3 It's nearly time for the **kick-off**.
 - a The match will begin soon.
 - b The match is almost over.
- 4 We all felt that John had **let us down**.
 - a We were sad and disappointed.
 - b We didn't know how to thank him.
- 5 Our coach is always **willing** to help us.
 - a He doesn't really want to help.
 - b He's glad to help.

5 Complete the sentences using the expressions below. There are more expressions than you need.

*way ahead • vast majority • badly injured • top speed • in poor health • a bright future
fast asleep • valid point*

- 1 If you run very fast, you're running at
- 2 Almost all of the people are the
- 3 If you are seriously hurt, you are
- 4 If it's difficult to wake you up, you are
- 5 If you're right, you've got a
- 6 If everyone is far behind you, you are