

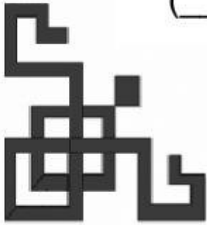



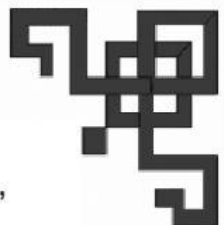

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## **'Walking Miracle' Inspires Others**

Choose the correct answer to the question: What is this?

1. Pat Rummerfield spends (\_\_\_\_\_) a week every month with (\_\_\_\_\_) patients in the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury at Maryland's Kennedy Krieger Institute. He (\_\_\_\_\_) works as a spokesman and raises money (\_\_\_\_\_) for the institute. He also provides moral support.
2. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "Being able to touch the lives (\_\_\_\_\_) of others, knowing what they're going through, I (\_\_\_\_\_) myself have been in those same situations, and I've had the same thoughts going through my (\_\_\_\_\_) brain that's going through theirs."
3. In (\_\_\_\_\_) 1974, Rummerfield broke his (\_\_\_\_\_) neck in four places in a traffic (\_\_\_\_\_) accident. Doctors thought he (\_\_\_\_\_) would be dead within 72 hours. They (\_\_\_\_\_) did not know about his fighting spirit.
4. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "A week later, there was another meeting (\_\_\_\_\_) with my (\_\_\_\_\_) father and they said (\_\_\_\_\_) that I (\_\_\_\_\_) had beaten a billion to one odds. That they were pretty positive that I was going to live (\_\_\_\_\_), but the prognosis was still grim."

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5. He ( ) spent one year in a ( ) physical rehabilitation center. Then, he ( ) and his ( ) father decided to direct his recovery on their own.
  6. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "It was very intense, five hours ( ) a day. Whatever moved, I'd lift a weight with ( ) it. You know, very slowly, very, very slowly ( ) things started coming back. It took ( ) about three and one-half years, but I could drag my right side for about 100 feet. Then I'd have to sit down and ( ) rest or take a nap."
  7. After ( ) 17 years of work, Rummerfield is considered ( ) a fully functional quadriplegic. Many people call ( ) him a "walking miracle." Then, he ( ) decided to set some records.
  8. PAT RUMMERFIELD: "When I got to that point where I could run, I immediately ( ) started doing small, little ( ) races as ways of raising money, of raising funds for spinal cord research, and I've never ( ) stopped."
  9. He did more than just run ( ). He completed a triathlon sporting event, drives ( ) race cars and holds the land speed record for electric cars. Doctors ( ) have trouble explaining Rummerfield's recovery. But Dr. John McDonald notes his mental strength.
  10. JOHN McDONALD: "He's got the determination of ( ) a warrior. He fights ( ) through pain. He'll fight through any ... he will never ( ) give up."
  11. The National Spinal Cord Injury Association says ( ) less than one percent of patients with ( ) spinal cord injuries fully recover. Ann Choe is a medical researcher ( ).
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12. ANN CHOE: "By studying his ( ) case both, you ( ) know, structurally in the brain and spinal cord, functionally, we ( ) hope to see what made him ... what made it possible for him to recover. And those findings, hopefully ( ), we can and will be able to eventually apply to other patients."

13. RUMMERFIELD works ( ) with patients like Erin. Her ( ) spinal cord was damaged when she and her conjoined twin were separated. Melissa Buckles is her mother.

14. MELISSA BUCKLES: "It means a lot to us that Patrick has taken such an interest in Erin. And it tells us that he has the belief that she's going to walk ( ) someday, too ( ). We look at Pat as a miracle ( ), but something that is attainable."

15. RUMMERFIELD: "At the end of the day, I really ( ) don't think, you know, of myself as a hero or a celebrity ( ) or anything like that. I just think that I'm just a guy trying to help as many people along the way as I can. My goal is to someday be a part of helping everyone getting out of a wheelchair( )."

16. The road ( ) to recovery can be long, and nothing is guaranteed ( ). But patients at Kennedy Krieger know Pat Rummerfield will be cheering for them, every step ( ) of the way.

