

1 Read the magazine article. Why is Natalie du Toit an amazing person?

Natalie du Toit

Natalie du Toit is an amazing sportswoman and a very brave person. Natalie was born in Cape Town in South Africa. She started competing in international swimming races when she was fourteen. Then, in February 2001, something terrible happened. She had a bad accident on her scooter and lost her left leg. A lot of people thought that this was the end of swimming for Natalie, but they were wrong. Six months after the accident she was back in the swimming pool.

Natalie started swimming when she was very young. Swimming was her favourite sport. She dreamed of going to the Olympic Games at the age of six! She first swam for her country in Malaysia in 1998. After her accident, she started training again. She didn't use a wheelchair because she wanted to be independent. One year later, she won a medal in an international competition in Britain. In 2004, she won five gold medals against other athletes with disabilities at the Athens Paralympics.

But Natalie was very ambitious and she dreamed of swimming in the Olympic Games against able-bodied athletes. She started training for the ten-kilometre open sea race. In 2008, her dream came true when she qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Natalie became the first amputee to swim at the Olympics. She didn't win a medal, but she came sixteenth in the race. She also carried her country's flag at the Olympic's opening ceremony.



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2 Find the verbs in *past simple* in the text and write them in your Notebook along with their infinitive form.