

Listening

Descriptive Text for 10th Grade

Listen to the monologue audio below and fill the blanks by choosing the correct options!

In 1988, Maria Mutola was playing (1) as the only girl in an all-boys team in a local (2) in Mozambique. "We won," she said. "At first no one thought it was a problem that I was a girl. But then the team we beat (3)"

The story appeared in a local (4) and Jose Craveirinha, who had (5) other African athletes, learnt about Maria. He went to meet her and found her kicking a ball around outside the football (6) He realized immediately that she was fast. "He talked to me about (7) I had no idea what he meant. The only sport I knew about was football. Then he bought me (8) shoes and took me training. It was such hard work and my (9) really ached." But Jose visited her parents and persuaded them she could be successful and this would help end their (10) They agreed to let him take her away to train.

In 1991, she finally accepted an (11) to train in the United States. She had refused previously because she knew she would miss her family. Her (12) was unlike those of the girls she met in the US. She explains, "They were good (13) but, while I worried about my parents having enough to eat, they worried about dresses and make-up. They knew very little about me and even less about my problems. But I knew I was (14) to be there. The trainers were (15) and I learnt a lot."

Today, Maria still runs and for most of the year she lives happily in South Africa with her mother.



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invitation

complained

legs

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