

1. a) Read some facts about cheerleading and fill in the blanks with the numbers from the box.

2004; 1,500,000; 3; 100,000; 1898

1. Cheerleading is a physical activity, sometimes a competitive sport, using organised routines, usually ranging from 1 to ... minutes, which include dance, jumps, cheers, and acrobatics.

2. Cheerleading originated in the United States, and remains mainly an American activity. There are more than ... young people in all-star cheerleading. 3. There are now more than ... participants in different countries including Australia, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. 4. November 2, ... is the official birth date of organised cheerleading. 5. The Cheerleading Worlds – the most important all-star competition has been held yearly since

2. a) You are going to listen to the radio interview with two cheerleaders. Put the interviewer's questions into the right order.



cheer



freestyle pom

1. What qualities does it take to be a cheerleader?
2. What advice can you give to those who have just started?
3. How did you get into cheerleading?
4. What lessons have you learned from cheerleading?
5. I'd like you to share one of those funny stories that happen during the competitions.

b)  Listen to the interview. Check your ideas.

c)  Listen again and complete the sentences with the missing information.

Lee: 1. Lee is ... 2. He loves the excitement of ... 3. Lee believes a **cheerleader** has to set ... 4. Once at the competitions Lee started yelling ...

Mary: 1. Mary is a cheerleader for the Jr. High Boy's ... 2. She decided to become a cheerleader ... 3. Mary has learned to work ... 4. Once when the boys were watching the girls ... 5. Cheerleaders are advised to ...