

Reading Activity

"The Gymnast Lisbeth"

Lisbeth loves rhythmic gymnastics and lately she has been training more than usual because next month she will go to an international competition to represent her country Ecuador with her team. The training hours have become longer than before. She is the captain of the team and feels that she must be stronger than her teammates because as a leader she must demonstrate her skills in gymnastics and her strength to try again and again if she were to fail. She is the most agile of all and has good balance on the bars and dominates the ribbon with great tactics. Her legs are longer than the rest of the team, which allows her to look more stylized when jumping. She is more demanding than the co-captain and trains for hours because she wants to be the best of all the contestants and wants to lead her team to success. Currently she feels that no one is happier than her because she feels blessed with the opportunities that life has given her.

On the other hand, Lisbeth is very organized and wants all her teammates to stand out, so she is choosing a prettier outfit than in previous performances to create a good visual impact, even if it is more expensive than other clothes they have worn. Lisbeth is the most daring of her team because she always tries new things, she is more confident than her friends when going out on stage and she has more endurance on the beams. She really is one of the most outstanding gymnasts.

Based on the reading, choose the correct answers as appropriate:

Training hours have become _____
More stressful
Longer
Shorter

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She wants to be _____ than all the contestants.
lower
better
higher

Lisbeth feels that she should be _____ than her peers
Stronger
More popular
Thinner

Lisbeth's legs are _____ than the rest.
Shorter
Weaker
Longer

Lisbeth is choosing a _____ suit than the ones from previous presentations
Tighter
Uglier
Prettier

Lisbeth doesn't care that the suit is _____ than other clothes she has worn
Cheaper
More expensive
More comfortable

