

Chapter 11: The Epitome of Will Power

Fill in the blanks

1. Mary Kom was born on _____ in a poor farming family in Manipur.
2. Inspired by boxer _____ victory at the 1998 Asian Championships, Mary Kom took up boxing.
3. Mary Kom joined the _____ for intensive boxing training.
4. Within just _____ months of starting boxing, Mary Kom became state champion.
5. She won her first national title at the first Women's National Boxing Championship in Chennai in _____.
6. The _____ government appointed Mary Kom as Sub-Inspector of Police in 2005.
7. After marriage and birth of her twins in 2007, Mary Kom took a _____ year break from boxing.
8. In her 2008 comeback, Mary Kom won the _____ Women's World Championships in China.
9. AIBA honored Mary Kom with the title "_____" for her exceptional skills.
10. Mary Kom launched her official website _____ in 2010.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the primary reason Mary Kom decided to take up boxing?
 - a) Her family's financial struggles forced her to seek a professional sport for income
 - b) The Manipur government offered special incentives for tribal girls to join sports

- c) Her school teachers identified her natural talent for combat sports during athletics
- d) She was inspired by Dingko Singh's Asian Championship win and women's boxing at National Games

2. How did Mary Kom's early training shape her boxing career?

- a) She learned traditional Manipuri martial arts before switching to Western boxing techniques
- b) She joined Sports Authority of India for intensive training, winning state champion within 3 months
- c) She trained secretly for years before getting official coaching recognition
- d) Her parents opposed her training, forcing her to practice in hidden locations

3. What was significant about Mary Kom's 2008 comeback?

- a) She became the first Indian woman to qualify for Olympic boxing trials
- b) She transitioned from amateur to professional boxing with this victory
- c) After a 2-year maternity break, she won the 5th Women's World Championships
- d) This marked her shift from boxing to coaching younger athletes

4. Which of these best describes Mary Kom's attitude during her career break?

- a) She maintained determination to return, saying "I can't imagine life without boxing"

- b) She considered permanent retirement to focus on family responsibilities
 - c) She temporarily switched to athletics while recovering from childbirth
 - d) She established a boxing academy during this period
5. What was unique about Mary Kom's 2010 website launch?
- a) It was the first by an Indian woman athlete to directly connect with global fans
 - b) It primarily focused on recruiting young girls from Manipur into boxing
 - c) It coincided with her retirement announcement and memoir publication
 - d) It served as platform to criticize gender inequality in sports funding
6. How did the Manipur government recognize Mary Kom's achievements?
- a) By naming a stadium after her in Imphal
 - b) By offering her a political position in sports ministry
 - c) Through appointment as Sub-Inspector of Police in 2005
 - d) Through financial rewards for each international medal
7. What makes Mary Kom's championship record exceptional?
- a) Maintaining unbeaten record for over a decade internationally
 - b) Winning medals in both amateur and professional circuits
 - c) Competing successfully across multiple weight categories
 - d) Being first Indian woman to win four consecutive World titles

8. Which awards reflect Mary Kom's national recognition?
- a) Nobel Peace Prize and UNESCO Fair Play Award
 - b) Arjuna Award, Padma Shri and Khel Ratna
 - c) Olympic Gold Medal and Asian Games MVP
 - d) Dronacharya Award and Dhyan Chand Award
9. What was Mary Kom's perspective on women's boxing in Olympics?
- a) She criticized the IOC for delayed inclusion of women's events
 - b) She felt indifferent as she planned to retire before 2012
 - c) She was thrilled and committed to do her best for India
 - d) She worried about inadequate preparation time for Indian boxers
10. What best describes Mary Kom's legacy?
- a) A trailblazer who overcame poverty and gender barriers through determination
 - b) A talented athlete who benefited from early institutional support
 - c) A regional champion who gained unexpected international fame
 - d) A sports administrator who reformed Indian boxing systems

What do you know about boxing?

1. How many rounds are there in an amateur boxing match?
- a) 3 rounds
 - b) 5 rounds
 - c) 10 rounds
 - d) 12 rounds
2. Which of these is not a boxing move?

- a) Jab
 - b) Hook
 - c) Slap
 - d) Uppercut
3. In which year did women's boxing first feature in the Olympics?
- a) 2008
 - b) 2012
 - c) 2016
 - d) 2020
4. What weight is a boxing glove usually?
- a) 8–10 ounces
 - b) 12–16 ounces
 - c) 20–24 ounces
 - d) 1 kilogram
5. What color is the boxing ring's canvas?
- a) Blue
 - b) Red
 - c) White
 - d) Green