PART A The Coach

Vocabulary

A Circle the correct answers.

1. When you **refuse** to do something, you say … .
   a. yes   b.) no

2. You shouldn't tell a **secret** to … .
   a. everyone   b. anyone

3. A **familiar** song is a song you … .
   a. heard before   b. don't know

4. Most people **retire** when they are about … .
   a. 65 years old   b. 18 years old

5. **Success** in a test means that you … .
   a. did well   b. didn't pass

6. People go to a **gym** to … .
   a. watch a movie   b. exercise

7. Something **unbelievable** is something that … .
   a. surprises you   b. happens all the time

B Write at least two examples of:

1. famous Israeli **athletes**
   Shahar Pe'er ....

2. things people do to stay **in shape**
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3. sports that are played on a **court**
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4. things **included** in the price of a trip
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5. things that are **unlikely** to happen this week
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C Complete the puzzle with the words below. Use the clues to help you. Then complete the sentence with the hidden word.

recognize   athlete   especially   unlikely   develop
unbelievable   familiar   coach   successful   court

1. People who work hard are often ... .
2. They're not a very good team. It's ... that they'll win the game.
3. It's important for a sports team to have a good ... .
4. He was wearing a hat and sunglasses so I didn't ... him.
5. Wow! Did you see that? That was ... !
6. I made this gift ... for you.
7. Scientists are trying to ... new medicines.

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If at first you don't .... , try, try again.

D Read the article and circle the correct words.

Amanda Ghost

Does the name Amanda Ghost sound [1] **unbelievable /** (**familiar**)? You probably [2] **recognize / refuse** names like Beyoncé, Shakira or Mariah Carey. Most people know the names of singers, [3] **especially / unlikely** the very famous ones, but they don't usually know about the people behind the scenes like Amanda Ghost.

Amanda has the [4] **coach / ability** to write great songs. She has worked with many singers, [5] **succeeding / including** the three above. Some of Amanda's songs are very [6] **successful / secret**. She loves to hear famous singers sing her songs and says it's okay if they [7] **retire / get all the credit!**

"One of the most enjoyable parts of my job is when I get to hear someone as incredible as Beyoncé … sing my words," says Amanda.

E. Write a description about something you succeeded in (sports, music, schoolwork, etc.). Use as many words from exercises A, B and C as you can. 70-90 words.

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Vocabulary

A Read each sentence in column A and choose a sentence from column B that could follow.

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1. I **recognize** that woman.	a. She never studies.
2. Noam doesn't plan to **retire** yet.	b. But I don't remember her name.
3. Liron is a really good **coach**.	c. He wants to continue working.
4. It's a **secret**.	d. You don't have to pay extra.
5. The price of the hotel **includes** meals.	e. He exercises every day.
6. Yuval likes to stay **in shape**.	f. I won't tell anyone.
7. It's **unlikely** that Gili will pass the test.	g. People think he did it all himself.
8. The chef **gets all the credit** for the new menu.	h. The players are getting better all the time.

B Replace the words in bold in the sentences with a word below.

athlete	unbelievable	gym	recognize	succeeded
especially	refused	courts	developed	retire

1. You changed your hair color! I didn't **know it was** you!
2. When he was in school, he **did very well** in history.
3. I enjoy all sports but I **really** like basketball and tennis.
4. The teacher asked Liat to help clean the classroom but she **said no**.
5. Our school needs a new **exercise room**.
6. When I'm 65, I'll **stop working**.
7. The story she told was **very surprising**. Do you think it could be true?
8. The town **grew bigger and better** and became a nice city.
9. Omri Caspi is a famous Israeli **sportsman**.
10. Our town built new **places to play tennis**.

C Complete five of the sentences below in your notebook.

A good coach is someone who

1. is **familiar** with ... .
2. has the **ability** to ... .
3. **recognizes** ... .
4. is **unlikely** to ... .
5. knows that **success** ... .
6. can **develop** ... .
7. teaches **athletes** ... .

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY "THE COACH"

1. What do you learn about the people named in the first sentence of the article? Write TWO answers.

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2. What was special about Bollettieri's tennis academy? Give ONE example.

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3. Why was it surprising that Bollettieri became such a good tennis coach?

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4. Bollettieri began coaching tennis because he…

    a. loved the game

    b. needed money for law school

    c. wanted to be a top player

    d. was very good at the game

5. Complete the sentence.

Bollettieri is close to 80 years old, but he _____

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6. From the questions in lines 5-6, the reader can understand that the article is about…

a. famous tennis players

b. familiar names

c. the person who helped the players succeed

7. What does Bollettieri mean when he says: "How can I retire when I've never worked a day in my life?"

Explain it in your own words.

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8. Think of another title for this article.

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9. Do you think you have to be good at sports to be a coach? Explain.

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