Putting it TOGETHER

6 Complete the text with the words and expressions below.

breaking a record | effort | opponents
strength | championships | beat
no matter | speed

Dancing on the Wall

Ashima Shiraishi is not even 20 years old, but she is considered the world's best female rock climber. Her performances leave her [1] ..... speechless. [2] ..... how smooth the wall, she can climb it.

No one could have predicted that a young city girl from Manhattan would [3] ..... experienced adult climbers at some of the hardest rock-climbing sites in the world.

It all started when her parents would take her to a playground in Central Park which was near an outdoor climbing site. There, Ashima would climb the rocks with great [4] ..... . This got the attention of an experienced climber, Yukihiko Ikumori, who later became her first trainer. And the rest is history.

[5] ..... in almost every competition, Ashima has repeatedly won world [6] ..... for her age group. Rock climbing is a combination of upper body [7] ..... , technique and style. However, Ashima makes it look like it takes no [8] ..... at all.

Vocabulary FOCUS | Compound Nouns

7 Match the sentence beginnings in A with their continuations in B. Pay attention to the words in bold.

A

1 She was disappointed to be the **runner-up**,
2 According to these **guidelines**,
3 In a surprising **turnaround**,
4 Jane was once our **teammate**,
5 As a tennis **superstar**,

B

..... **a** our side scored three goals in the second half of the game.
..... **b** but she no longer plays.
..... **c** we should get an hour of physical activity every day.
..... **d** as she had hoped to win.
..... **e** she earns millions of pounds a year.

8 Match the compound word to its sport.

football | athletics | running

1 long jump .....
2 finish line .....
3 kick-off .....

Vocabulary FOCUS | Collocations

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9 Choose the correct answer to show that you understand the meaning of the collocations in bold.

1 I'm **well aware** of the problem. I *have been informed* / *had no idea*.
2 She's got a **bright future** here. I'm sure she'll *leave* / *be successful*.
3 It's **highly unlikely** that he'll arrive on time. He's *never* / *always* late.
4 We're **way ahead** of everyone. Let's *catch up to* / *wait for* them.
5 We were **pleasantly surprised** to hear the *good* / *sad* news.
6 She's running at **top speed**. I'm sure she'll *win* / *lose* the race.
7 He's got a **slight accent**. You can *really* / *hardly* hear it.
8 The footballer was **badly injured**. He went *home* / *to hospital*.

10 Choose the correct word to complete the collocations. Pay attention to the words in bold.

1 Unfortunately, she's in *down* / *poor* **health**.
2 Quiet! John is *fast* / *quick* **asleep** on the sofa.
3 I was stuck for an hour in *heavy* / *big* **traffic**.
4 That's a **valid** *point* / *detail*. I'm glad you mentioned it.
5 Since 2012, there's been a *rapid* / *hurried* **growth** in local tourism.
6 The *vast* / *big* **majority** of the people in this country are poor.

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