

UNIT 8B – WHO SAYS I CAN'T

READING: Look at the photos A-F on page 64 and 65 in your book. Read the article on page 64 in exercise 2 and complete the sentences with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS

- 2 a Read the article about someone who overcame a difficult challenge. Which of the people in photos A–F is it about?

Hugh Herr was born in Pennsylvania, USA. Since he was a child, he had loved rock climbing, and by age 17 he was considered one of the best climbers in the country. Then something terrible happened. In 1982, he and a friend were caught in a snowstorm during a climb. They



got lost in the woods for three nights in below-zero temperatures. Thankfully, they were found by the rescue team just in time and taken to hospital by helicopter. Unfortunately, by the time they were rescued, they were badly injured. Herr lost both legs because of the extreme cold. Sadly, one member of the rescue team was killed by an avalanche.

Amazingly, only months after this tragic accident, Herr was climbing again! He had designed special false new legs, which helped him to climb better than ever before!

After his climbing career ended, Herr decided to help other disabled people by developing better arms and legs for them. At that time, computer technology wasn't being used in this field. However, today, Herr runs a laboratory that designs and makes computer-controlled legs, arms and hands. He is recognised as a leader in the field. Because of him, many people are being given opportunities they never had before.

1. The article wrote about the people in photo A or B or C or D or E or F?

2. Hugh's favorite sport as a young man was

3. He became one of the
in the country at the age of 17.

4. He lost his in a
when he got lost in the woods.

5. One month after the accident, he could go
climbing again with which
helped him climb much better.

6. After his climbing career, he helped
by designing better for them.

7. He is considered as a leader in making
legs, arms and hands for disabled people.

VOCABULARY: COMMENT ADVERBS

- 8 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 She was in a bad car accident last year. *Thankfully/ Sadly*, she's now able to walk again.
- 2 Tom was in a car accident last year. *Luckily/ Hopefully*, he wasn't badly injured.
- 3 *Hopefully/ Surprisingly*, the Paralympics will encourage more disabled young people to start doing sport.
- 4 *Fortunately/ Obviously*, providing sport for disabled people is very expensive.
- 5 *Strangely/ Not surprisingly*, Vincent Van Gogh only sold one painting during his lifetime.
- 6 JK Rowling is a best-selling author with her Harry Potter novels. *Fortunately/ Surprisingly*, several publishers refused to publish her first novel.

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