



READING COMPREHENSION

READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND DO THE EXERCISES BELOW, PLEASE.

CHAMPION!



Rebecca Adlington is a British swimming champion. She won two gold medals at the 2008 Olympic Games in the 400 metre and 800 metre races. She is Britain's first Olympic swimming champion since 1988, the first British swimmer to win two gold medals since 1908 – and she is just twenty years old.

Rebecca – or Becky as her family and friends call her – started swimming when she was four years old.

¹ _____ 'Oh, no! She's never swum before. Will she be okay?' her mum thought. But Becky swam to the side of the pool, and she's loved swimming since then. When she was twelve, Becky competed in the national championships and won. Her family realised that she could become a swimming star and Becky started training seriously a year later. ² _____ Every morning, they drove to the pool very early – training started at 5 a.m. Then they went home for breakfast. Becky went to school just like any other teenager, but after school she went back to the pool for more training. Becky didn't go to parties or nightclubbing as a teenager. ³ _____ Becky's friends often came over to watch DVDs or eat pizza. All Becky's hard work was worth it – she was a member of the British swimming team at the 2008 Olympics. ⁴ _____

It hasn't always been easy, though. In 2006 Becky's sister Laura was in hospital because she was seriously ill with a disease. Becky also became ill, but not so seriously and she continued training. Her older sister, Chloe, took her to training while the rest of the family was at the hospital. ⁵ _____ The interest from the media – newspapers and TV – has also been a problem. After Becky won her first gold medal, the family spent two days doing TV interviews – from 6.45 a.m. until 10 p.m.!

Becky has already broken many world records and currently holds the record for the 800 metre freestyle race. ⁶ _____ She also received a special medal, an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) from the Queen in 2008. The Queen gives OBEs to people who have done work that has helped the country. However, for her family, Becky is still the girl who loves chocolate cakes, expensive shoes and watching DVDs!



FINAL EXAM - 2020

6TH FORM

1. AS YOU CAN SEE, SOME SENTENCES ARE MISSING IN THE TEXT. READ IT AGAIN AND MATCH THE SENTENCES BELOW (a – e) TO THE GAPS (1 – 5) IN THE TEXT.

- a. Her mum, Kay, gave up her job to drive her to training.
- b. She is famous for her speed and strength.
- c. However, her parents tried to make sure she had a “normal” life.
- d. She jumped into the pool on holiday.
- e. No doubt she will be in the 2012 Olympics too.
- f. Fortunately, Laura and Becky both recovered completely.

2. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

A) What type is this text?

- a. Note
- b. Diary entry
- c. Text message
- d. Magazine article
- e. Informative leaflet
- f. Adventure story

B) What is the purpose of the text?

- a. To inform the reader.
- b. To thank the reader for doing something.
- c. To persuade the reader to do something.
- d. To tell an anecdote or a joke.
- e. To sell the reader something.

C) What is the text about?

- a. Teenagers who have become champions.
- b. Sports played in the Olympic Games.
- c. A teenage sports champion.

3. READ THE TEXT AGAIN. CHOOSE “TRUE” OR “FALSE”.

- a. There was a British Olympic swimming champion in 1988.
- b. Rebecca has loved swimming since she was twelve years old.
- c. Rebecca competed nationally when she was thirteen years old.
- d. Rebecca didn't go out with her friends when she was a teenager.
- e. Rebecca didn't stop training when she was ill.
- f. Rebecca doesn't like chocolate cakes.

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