A. Read the news article and try to fill in the gaps with the words given

friends	three	world	Greece	biking	active
Russia	swimming	American	amputated		

No legs but an athlete

The Paralympic Games emphasise the participants' athletic achievements rather than their disability.

Jessica Long was born on February 29th, 1992.

Jessica was born in (1) _____, but she was adopted by an (2) _____ family, when she was a baby. She had a problem with her legs, so, when she was 18 months old both her legs were (3)_____.

With the help of her family and (4) _____ Jessica learned to walk with artificial prosthetic legs. With these legs it was possible for her to go after her dreams, one of which is competitive (5) _____.

Jessica says "Even if you lose your legs or are born with a disability like me, it is not the end of the (6) _____. There are so many things that you can do, you know, that even able-bodied people can't do." These are the words of a champion.

Jessica Long has been involved in many sports including gymnastics ice-skating, (7) _____, trampoline, and rock-climbing. She began swimming in her grandparent's pool before joining her first competitive team, in 2002.

Jessica Long won (8) _____ gold medals in swimming at the 2004 Paralympic Games, in Athens, (9) _____. Only 12 years old at the time, Jessica was the youngest competitor on the U.S. Paralympic Team.

She is an inspiration to many, not only because of her athletic accomplishments, but also because oh her determination to win, despite being disabled.

"Real life Prosthetics" is helping young people, like Jessica, live a normal healthy and (10) _____ life. Young athletes have the opportunity to compete in a variety of sports. They can have a normal life.

(Adapted from Swoosh 7)

C. True (T) or False (F)? Correct the false ones:

1. Jessica's birthday is in February.
2. Jessica's disability is related to her arms.
3. She can't do gymnastics.
4. She is determined to succeed as an athlete.

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D. Answer these questions about the text.

1. Where was Jessica born?

   _____

2. How can she walk?

   _____

3. How many medals did Jessica win in 2004?

   _____

4. Can she ride a bike?

   _____

E. Find the name of these sports in the text and write the words under the correct picture:

1. _____ **2.**_____ **3.** _____

4. _____ **5.**_____ **6.** _____

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