

Unit 1 and 2

Trends & Accomplishments Vocabulary

Circle the correct alternative.

Superstar Swimmer

Natalie du Toit's swimming career is a remarkable story of overcoming (1) obstacles/exploits and never giving up hope. Natalie was a teenage swimming star who achieved the amazing (2) trial/feat of representing South Africa aged just 14. However, at the age of 17 her career seemed to be over when she was involved in a scooter accident which resulted in her left leg being amputated at the knee. Her physical recovery was a huge (3) adventure/battle, but Natalie eventually went on to win five gold medals at the Athens Paralympic Games. Four years later, in the Beijing Olympics, Natalie achieved her greatest (4) accomplishment/hurdle when she became the first female amputee swimmer in history to compete in the able-bodied Olympics. Among those to recognise her feats in overcoming sporting (5) hurdles/trials was former president Nelson Mandela.

Look at the wordlists. Complete 1–6 with the correct prefix.

1

effective

experienced

formal

2

legal

legitimate

literate

3

approve

qualify

4

relevant

resistible

5

bearable

natural

reliable

6

practical

probable

Complete the sentences with the words from the box

backlash • catch on • cultural phenomenon
• fad • hashtag • iconic • in the know
• make a comeback • must-have • outdated

- a. The new fashion trend faced a lot of _____ from traditionalists who preferred more classic styles.
- b. It didn't take long for the catchy jingle to _____ and become stuck in everyone's head.
- c. The superhero movie's popularity spread like wildfire, turning it into a global _____.
- d. Using hair scrunchies became a popular _____ among teenagers, but it quickly faded away.
- e. Social media campaigns often encourage users to use a specific _____ to increase visibility.
- f. The vintage car is considered an _____ piece of automotive history, revered by enthusiasts.
- g. Only those _____ about the industry's latest developments were able to predict the upcoming trends.
- h. Classic video games are starting to _____ as nostalgic gamers seek out retro experiences.
- i. The new gadget has quickly become a _____ among professionals due to its innovative features.
- j. Some people still rely on _____ technologies, like VHS players, despite modern streaming services.