

N. Read the news report and answer the questions below.

1. Who is the news report about?
2. What sport was this person interested in?

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OUR LEGENDARY SPORTSMAN HAS PASSED AWAY. TURKEY IS CRYING FOR HIM.

Naim Süleymanoğlu is a national hero for millions of Turkish people. He's also known as *Pocket Hercules*. He's been ill for a long time. Unfortunately, doctors couldn't save his life. He **passed away** on 18 November 2017 at the age of 50.

He was a national sportsman in Turkey. He was a great weightlifter. He dominated the sport in the mid-1980s and 1990s. He was 1 m 50 cm tall, and he had 60 kilos so he **competed** in the lighter body-weight categories.



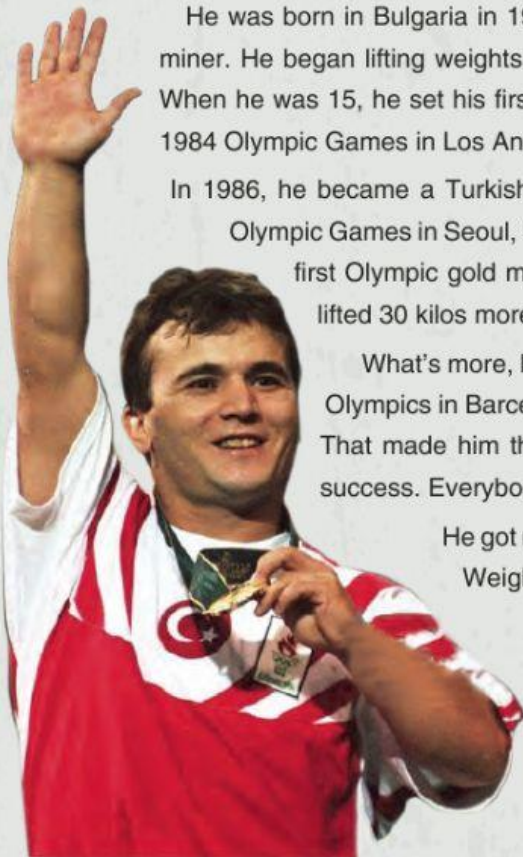
He was born in Bulgaria in 1967. He was born to a Turkish family. His father was a miner. He began lifting weights at the age of 10. He won championships in his teens. When he was 15, he set his first world record. However, he couldn't **participate** in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles **due to** Bulgaria's boycott.

In 1986, he became a Turkish citizen, and then he represented Turkey at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. He won a gold medal there. It was Turkey's first Olympic gold medal in weightlifting. He set world records in Seoul. He lifted 30 kilos more than his nearest **rival**. That was unbelievable.

What's more, Naim Süleymanoğlu won a gold medal again at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, the USA. That made him the sport's first three-time gold medalist. It was a great success. Everybody in Turkey was proud of him.

He got retired in 1997. He became a member of the International Weightlifting Federation in 2000 and 2004.

Turkish people will never forget *Pocket Hercules*. He'll always be our national hero.



Theme 9: Modern Heroes and Heroines

O. Read the news report again and complete the chart below.

Date	Event
1967	<i>Naim Süleymanoğlu was born.</i>
1986	
1988	
1992	
1996	
1997	
2000	
2017	

P. Work in pairs. Look at the chart again and take turns to make sentences as in the example.
1967 is the year when Naim Süleymanoğlu was born.

Q. Find the words (1-5) in the text and guess the meaning from the context. Then match them with the definitions (a-e).

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| 1. pass away (.....) | a. to take part in an activity |
| 2. compete (.....) | b. a person in the same competition as you |
| 3. participate (.....) | c. because of |
| 4. due to (.....) | d. to die |
| 5. rival (.....) | e. to join a competition |

R. Use the words above to complete these sentences.

- Many traffic accidents occurred yesterday the terrible weather conditions.
- Unfortunately, her grandmother couldn't get over cancer so she
- Mandy is very shy. She never in the games that other children play.
- It seems to me that Rachel is much better than her nearest Therefore, I'm sure she'll be the champion.
- Arnold in many international competitions when he was younger.

S. Read the text again. What does the author wish to do? Choose all the correct answers.

- To inform readers about Naim Süleymanoğlu's death.
- To present information about Naim Süleymanoğlu's achievements.
- To show readers why Naim Süleymanoğlu was a national hero in Turkey.
- To tell readers the details of Naim Süleymanoğlu's health problems.
- To present detailed information about Naim Süleymanoğlu's private life.

T. Work in pairs. Take turns to talk about Naim Süleymanoğlu's achievements.