UNIT 3.1. SURFING DREAMS

VOCABULARY: 2B. Find the words with the correct definitions

_____ 1. a very large piece

_____ 2. appeared from nowhere

_____ 3. small signal or suggestion of something bad

_____ 4. listed

_____ 5. many in number

_____ 6. someone who is becoming very successful 7 died

_____ 8. something terrible happened

_____ 9. move using your arms to push you through the water

_____ 10. hanging loosely

GRAMMAR: 4. Complete the article with the verbs from the box

found out	struggled	were waiting	had happened	began
decided	helped	stayed	had left	was living

A gymnastics star

American gymnast Simone Biles, nineteen, was one of the shining stars of the Rio Olympics. But her life hasn't been easy. When Simone was five years old, she was taken into care. Her mother 1 _____ with drug and alcohol problems. Her father 2 _____ home.

Simone and her sister, Adria, who was three at the time, 3 _____ in a foster home in Ohio while they 4 _____ to be adopted. When

Simone's biological grandparents, Ron and Nellie, 5 _____ what 6 _____, they 7 _____ to adopt the girls themselves.

While she 8 _____ with her grandparents, Simone's talent to flourish. She started home-schooling so that she could spend more time training.

This 10 _____ her to become one of the greatest gymnasts of our time.

5B Complete the sentences with the adverbs in the article.

1. He _____ wanted to compete in the Olympics.

2. They fought _____ to defend their country.

3. Dean's recent race times have been amazing. - He's _____ one of the best athletes in the group.

4. They _____ train between twenty and thirty- two hours a week.

5. She doesn't _____ stand a chance. The other competitors are much stronger.

6. It was so disgusting! The area was _____ covered in rubbish.

7. It looked like an impossible task, but _____ she managed to win.

8. Ernesto was whistling _____ as he wandered through the park.

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9B. Underline the correct alternatives to complete the texts.

Pelé managed to become one of the greatest football players of all time, **in spite of/ besides/ whereas** growing up in a poor area of São Paulo, Brazil. He often played football in the street using a grapefruit or a stuffed sock as a ball. **As well as/ While/ Furthermore**, he was witness to crime and desperate poverty. **Although/ As a result/ Besides**, Pelé developed an inner strength and determination to win, which he believes helped him to succeed.

When Lionel Messi was eleven, he was diagnosed with a growth hormone deficiency. **Although/ Because of this/ Despite** a local team was interested in his skills, they could not afford the $900 a month treatment which Messi required. **Whereas/ Although/ Consequently**, rather than be defeated by his situation, Messi focused on becoming the best player he could be. When he was thirteen, he was signed by FC Barcelona, and **although/ because of/ in spite of this**, he was able to receive the treatment.

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