



You will read a text about a person's career. For questions 1-5 choose the best answer.

**1. Why did Milka decide on a career as a race car driver?**

1. She wanted to live in Miami.
2. To anger her parents.
3. To satisfy her competitive spirit.
4. To feed her need for speed.

**2. Milka believes that the male drivers \_\_\_\_.**

1. see her as one of them.
2. look down on her.
3. give her special treatment.
4. work harder than her.

**3. What message does Milka want to portray as a role model?**

1. She wants young girls to become race car drivers like her.
2. She thinks that family relationships are important.
3. She thinks being an athlete is important.
4. She wants to emphasise the importance of education.

**4. What does the writer say about Milka's personal life?**

1. Her social life is extremely important to her.
2. Her career is secondary.
3. Her work is her main focus.
4. Her main objective is to start a family.

**5. What's the writer's main purpose for writing this article?**

1. To explain gender bias.
2. To present family problems.
3. To talk about determination and success.
4. To explain how to stay in shape.



### Living in the Fast Lane

**W**hen Milka Duno told her parents that she wanted to be a race car driver instead of a naval engineer, they weren't very pleased with her new career choice. "What? Are you crazy? Why do you want to drive a race car?" they said. She had to explain that this is what she wanted to do and she was determined to be one of the best drivers in the world.

It was Milka's competitive spirit that made her change gears and become a race car driver. While she was working as a naval engineer, she was invited by a friend to participate in a Porsche Driving Clinic in her native Venezuela. The rest is history. "I got hooked immediately," she said. In a lesser way, her passion for speed motivated her to leave her career as a naval engineer, abandon four graduate degrees and move from Caracas to Miami. Since then, she has won several championships. She is the only Latina who races professionally and the first woman in history to win an international sports car race in North America. In 2004, Milka and co-driver Andy Wallace won first place in the Miami Grand Prix.

In perhaps the world's most masculine profession, it would seem strange if Milka had not encountered problems. In the beginning, she had to work very hard to earn the respect of the men and make them see her as an equal. "I don't get any special treatment because I am a woman. Once I put on my helmet, I'm just another driver. And I don't give anyone a break either."

If anything, her presence has attracted a whole new audience and she is seen as a role model for women. Milka is approached by a number of fathers and daughters after big races. The fathers come up to her all the time and say, "Milka, my daughter is going to grow up and be a race car driver just like you!" While Milka thinks that is great, she also reminds them how important an education is to people of all ages. In addition, she points out that being an athlete is temporary, but academic preparation lasts a lifetime.

When Milka is not racing she has a tough fitness routine – she spends several hours a day training and driving at high speeds. The most important thing for her right now is her career. She does not have time for a personal life. "I'm a driver," Milka says, "and one day, I want to have a family and children. But right now I am focused on racing."

Despite her achievements and growing fame, Milka Duno is a pleasant, soft-spoken and humble woman. She has a genuine love of racing and a competitive drive to win. Just do not get in her way on the track!

