

Synonyms: challenges and achievement

1 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.

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Word formation: prefixes

2a Look at the wordlists. Complete 1–6 with the correct prefix.

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| 1
effective | 2
legal | 3
approve |
| experienced | legitimate | qualify |
| formal | literate | |
| 4
relevant | 5
bearable | 6
practical |
| resistible | natural | probable |
| | reliable | |

2b Complete the sentences with these words and an appropriate prefix.

adequate • advantage • effective • fortunate
legible • mature • probable • rational
reliable • responsible

- The amount of food at the party was to feed all of the hungry children!
- The teacher couldn't mark the student's essay because his writing was
- One significant of home schooling is that it is harder to socialise with people of your own age face to face.
- My car has become very, It has broken down three times in the last month!

- I think it was of him to leave the child unattended at the swimming pool.
- Some of her decisions seem to be completely They don't make any sense to me.
- It was really that you couldn't attend the tutorial. It was very informative.
- The team's new strategy was and they lost the match.
- Although he'll be 16 next month, he's still quite
- Even though Maria had a very slim chance of winning, it was highly

3 Are these sentences True (T) or False (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- If you **underestimate** someone's abilities, you think they are more talented than they really are. T/F
- An **anti-social** person prefers spending time alone and does not make friends easily. T/F
- The **subconscious** refers to operations of our mind that are in our conscious state. T/F
- When someone is **misunderstood**, their actions are not being correctly interpreted. T/F
- When you are recovering from injury, you shouldn't **overdo** weightlifting and stretching. T/F
- If the police decide to **reconsider** the evidence, it means they will study the evidence for the first time. T/F
- A **co-worker** is a person that you work for. T/F
- An **international sports event** is one in which different countries compete between each other. T/F
- If someone has **supernatural** powers, their abilities are considered to be below those of ordinary people. T/F

/ 25 points

Unit review

4 Choose the best answer (a, b or c). In some cases this is a prefix to add to the word given.

- 1 The documentary on the television last night was veryinformative.
a il- **b** un- **c** im-
- 2 He didn't seem to have thought through his decision to quit school and sail around the world. It was reallyrational.
a ir- **b** un- **c** mis-
- 3 It was a fantastic to become the national chess champion at only 13 years old.
a accomplishment **b** mission **c** undertaking
- 4 His lifestyle is soorganised. I couldn't live in all that mess!
a un- **b** mis- **c** dis-
- 5 It wasfortunate that the market crashed just after Maria launched her new product.
a mis- **b** un- **c** in-
- 6 The main problem Ahmed experienced was toestimate the strong competition he would face in the trial.
a over- **b** un- **c** under-
- 7 Walking through the forest in the snow was unbearable. I was really glad when the came to an end.
a adventure **b** obstacle **c** ordeal
- 8 My brother iscapable of thinking about anyone else. He only thinks about himself.
a un- **b** in- **c** im-
- 9 The climbers kept in touch at all times while on their to reach the top of the mountain.
a battle **b** accomplishment **c** hurdle
- 10 I am trying to eat more healthily, but my mum keeps cookingresistible cakes and biscuits!
a im- **b** ir- **c** un-

/ 10 points

Total: / 40 points