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A thirteen year old swimming success 十三岁的游泳健将

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Need some inspiration? Looking for a sporting hero to emulate? Then look no further than thirteen-year-old Tom Daley from Plymouth in the UK.

Tom is the new European swimming champion following his win at the European Swimming Championships in The Netherlands.

Tom won the competition by being the best at diving. His dives were flawless according to sports commentators in the fourth and fifth rounds of the games, where he scored his best results.

His success qualifies him for the Olympic Games in Beijing, and he is feeling very proud. He told the BBC:

"To finish up and be standing on the top of the podium with your national anthem playing is not something that happens every day."

He has broken a record with his win, and is now Britain's youngest male medallist. The record until now was held by another diver, Brian Phelps, who was sixteen years old when he won the bronze medal at the European Championships when it was held in Rome.

There have been winners in the past that were even younger. Cecilia Colledge still holds the record for being the youngest British female Olympic competitor.

She was 11 years and 73 days old when she competed in the women's single skating competition at the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

Tom has a track record of succeeding when young. He was given special permission to compete at the Youth Olympics when he was three years under the minimum age limit. He also outstripped all his contemporaries at school and at the Senior National Championships.

So, can Tom Daley, who will be 14 in August, go onto Olympic victory even at his first attempt? It seems his chances are quite good. Fellow sportsmen say he has the drive and determination to succeed.

Glossary 词汇表

inspiration 激励/鼓舞	emulate 效仿
flawless 完美无暇的	sports commentators 体育评论/解说员
podium 主席台/（乐队）指挥台	broken a record 打破纪录
medallist 奖牌获得者	holds the record 保持纪录
track record 纪录	outstripped 超过/优于
contemporaries 同龄/同辈人	his chances 他的机会
fellow sportsmen 同行运动员	drive and determination 动力和决心

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假?请圈出正确答案。

1. Inspiration is a negative feeling. True / False
2. Tom's diving was full of flaws. True / False
3. A podium is like a stage you stand on to receive an award. True / False
4. Tom has won the European Swimming Championships before. True / False
5. Cecilia Colledge was nearly 12 when she competed in the 1932 Olympics. True / False

2. Reading Quiz 2 阅读测验 2

Answer the following questions about the text. You should write a short answer (1 to 6 words).

熟读了上文后, 请用1-6个词简单地回答下列问题.

1. What emotion might you feel because of Tom's success?

2. In which country did Tom win the European Swimming Championships?

3. How did Tom feel after his victory?

4. What record did Cecilia Colledge hold?

5. What phrase is used to describe Tom's past success?

Now choose the correct answer, a, b or c. 从 a, b, c 中选出正确答案.

6. Need some _____ ?

a. contemporaries b. inspiration c. competition

7. Many young people are likely to want to _____ Tom.

a. meet b. win against c. emulate

8. Tom got up on to the _____ to receive his award.

a. podium b. stage c. track

9. Tom has a _____ of succeeding when young.

a. good way b. track record c. history

3. Jumbled Sentences 打乱词序的句子

Rearrange the words in the sentences below to make correct sentences.

请将下列句子中的单词重新排列，组成一个正确的句子。

1. Tom is swimming the champion new European
2. by won the diving competition Tom the best at being
3. he has medallist now broken with his win a youngest Britain's record and is male
4. winners in the there past who were even winners in have been the younger
5. it quite good chances are seems his

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Easter in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与有复活节有关的英语单词来。

共有 10 个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

i	a	s	c	h	a	n	c	e	s	d	o
g	n	f	g	j	f	p	q	n	k	s	u
j	l	s	e	r	r	e	c	o	r	d	t
a	p	p	p	d	u	m	d	a	v	g	s
z	r	d	o	i	l	u	c	s	t	f	t
x	o	p	d	v	r	l	j	h	t	d	r
c	u	l	i	e	k	a	u	h	v	f	i
v	d	f	u	r	e	t	t	j	d	h	p
m	r	u	m	k	g	e	p	i	v	k	p
n	y	q	o	k	d	v	e	i	o	d	e
f	l	a	w	l	e	s	s	p	a	n	d
g	u	i	b	z	c	s	d	h	j	k	o

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emulate outstripped flawless proud diver

Answers 答案

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- Inspiration.
- The Netherlands.
- He felt proud.
- She was the youngest British female Olympic competitor.
- He has a track record of succeeding.

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- Many young people are likely to want to emulate Tom.
- Tom got up on to the podium to receive his award.
- Tom has a track record of succeeding when young.

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i			c	h	a	n	c	e	s		o
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	r		o	i		u					t
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