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Unit 1: "ENERGY"

REVIEW SIMPLE PAST.

Let's continue practising
SIMPLE PAST!

6 Read the news report about Ellen MacArthur. Complete with the past forms of the verbs in brackets.



Now to another of our great athletes, Ellen MacArthur, the British yachtswoman who ^[1] became (become) famous after breaking the world record for the fastest solo navigation around the world. Yesterday Ellen ^[2] had (have) a near-fatal accident in the Indian Ocean where she is competing. During a storm, Ellen ^[3] climbed (climb) the mast to repair a sail and she nearly ^[4] died (die). Fortunately, she recovered and is now chasing the leader of the competition, Michel Desjoyeaux.

Ellen MacArthur ^[5] begin (begin) her career in sailing at the age of 18 when she ^[6] went (go) sailing alone round Britain and ^[7] won (win) the Young Sailor of the Year award. In February 2005, Ellen ^[8] broke (break) a world record and ^[9] became (become) the fastest solo sailor around the planet. It ^[10] took (take) Ellen 71 days and 14 hours to sail around the world.

Adapted from www.ellenmacarthur.com

7 Now answer the questions according to the news report in activity 6.

- 1 What happened to Ellen during the competition?

- 2 When did she begin her career in sailing?

- 3 How long did she take to sail around the globe?



1 Read Lionel Messi's life outline and put the paragraphs in the correct order, using numbers.

- ☐ At present, Lionel Messi continues breaking records, scoring goals and winning league games. Diego Maradona himself declared that Messi was 'his successor' and people around the globe consider Leo the best footballer in the world.
- ☐ Lionel Andres Messi was born on 24 June 1987 in Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. People call him Leo, Lio or La Pulga, but the name he prefers is Leo.
- ☐ In 2007 Messi established the Leo Messi Foundation to help vulnerable children and in 2010 he was named Goodwill Ambassador for Unicef.
- ☐ He began playing football when he was a child. When he was about eight years old, he needed a special growth treatment. The problem was that the treatment was very expensive and his family didn't have the money to pay for it.
- ☐ Barca realised Leo's skill and potential and offered treatment for his growth hormone deficiency. Soon, Leo had the opportunity to play in Barcelona and he left Rosario and moved to Spain with his family.



Lesson 3

Adapted from <http://www.leomessi.com/eng/>

2 Correct these statements about Lionel Messi.

- 1 He was born in Buenos Aires.
He wasn't born in Buenos Aires. He was born in _____
Santa Fe.
- 2 He began playing football when he was a teenager.

- 3 He moved to Spain alone.

- 4 His family paid for his treatment.


- 5 Maradona declared that Messi was his 'friend'.

- 6 Lionel established the Messi Foundation in 2010.

3 Use the cues below to write suitable interview questions for Messi.

- 1 I: Did you play football last Saturday? _____ ?
(you / play football / last Saturday)
L: No, I didn't. It was raining.
- 2 I: Where did you spend your last weekend? _____ ?
(Where / you / spend / your last weekend)
L: I spent my last weekend at the seaside.
- 3 I: _____ ?
(Why / you / train / hard)
L: Because I wanted to win all the matches.
- 4 I: _____ ?
(When / you / move / to Europe)
L: I moved to Europe in 2005.
- 5 I: _____ ?
(you / miss / Rosario / during the first months)
L: Yes, I did. I missed it a lot!
- 6 I: _____ ?
(you / make / new friends in Europe)
L: Yes! They are footballers too!

- 4 Sophia is an American swimmer. Read her blog and complete the text with the past form of the verbs in brackets.



Yesterday was a very busy day for me. I ^[1] had (have) an early breakfast at about 7 a.m. Then, I ^[2] left (leave) for school and ^[3] had (have) classes until 3 p.m. After school, I ^[4] went (go) to the club to swim. I ^[5] practised (practise) for three hours because I have a competition on Saturday.

I ^[6] needed (need) a new swimsuit so my mum ^[7] took (take) me to the shopping centre and I ^[8] bought (buy) one. In the evening, I ^[9] met (meet) my friends for dinner at a pizza place. I ^[10] arrived (arrive) home at about eleven, ^[11] had (have) a shower and ^[12] went (go) straight to bed. I was really exhausted!

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