

ANSWER KEY

Test 1: READING

Competences:

- Linguistic communication
- Learning to learn



1. Read the text.

Homeschooling

Jane Wilson gets up at half past four every morning, has a quick breakfast and leaves the house. Why so early? This 14-year-old girl has her first swimming practice at half past five in the morning. Jane is a talented swimmer and she hopes to represent the USA in the next Olympics. That means two visits to the swimming pool a day for hours of practice in the morning and hours of practice in the afternoon.

It isn't easy to train for the Olympics and go to school like other students. That's why Jane doesn't go to school. She's a "homeschooler" – she learns at home and while she's travelling to swimming competitions.

More and more athletes in the USA are leaving school to become homeschoolers. Homeschooling is more flexible than traditional schooling, so athletes can train hard at their sport and also get a good education in other subjects. Often, the athlete's mother or father is their teacher, and special homeschooling academies provide learning materials, teaching help and advice.

So how does Jane feel about her homeschooling experience? "It's fantastic," she says. "In the past, I was always tired. I ran from swimming practice to school to swimming practice. I didn't have much time for homework or friends. Now, my mum and I decide when to have lessons and we know how much time I need for each subject. When I'm tired, I can have a rest and study later. Also, homework isn't a problem because my lessons are homework."

And what about friends? "Well, of course I don't see friends at school," Jane explains, "but I've got more free time in the evenings and at the weekends. I have a great social life!"

2. Tick (✓) the sentences true (T) or false (F).

Then correct the false sentences.

1. Jane has swimming practice early in the morning.

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2. Jane always studies in her house.

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3. Homeschooled athletes only learn about their sport.

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4. Homeschoolers' mothers must write their own learning materials.

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5. Jane likes being a homeschooler.

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3. Answer the questions.

1. Why does Jane often have swimming practice?

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2. Why is Jane a homeschooler?

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3. How is homeschooling different from traditional schooling?

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4. How can a homeschooling academy help parents?

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5. What do Jane and her mother make decisions about together?

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6. When does Jane see her friends?

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