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## **S. Korean wins Women's British Open**

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## **THE ARTICLE**

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## **WARM-UPS**

**1. GOLF:** In pairs / groups, talk about golf. Use these words as conversation headings:

boring / classic / exciting / big names / history / environmental damage / rich people / prize money / television coverage

**2. QUICK DEBATE:** Students A think women's sport is more interesting than men's. Students B think women's sport is really boring and men's sport is the best. Change partners often.

**3. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words are most interesting and which are most boring.

*South Korea / British Open / women's golf / women's sport / nervousness / prodigies / shaking hands / winning / glory / dominance / Tiger Woods*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. For more conversation, change topics and partners frequently.

**4. SPORT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "sport". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**5. FEMALE STARS:** In pairs / groups, talk about the following world famous female sports stars.

- a. Mia Hamm (Soccer)
- b. Maria Sharapova (Tennis)
- c. Annika Sorrenstam (Golf)
- d. Michelle Kwan (Ice skating)
- e. Layla Ali (Boxing)
- f. Ellen MacArthur (Sailing)
- g. Ryoko Tani (Judo)
- h. Gabrielle Reese (Beach Volleyball)
- i. Other
- j. Female stars from your country.

Change partners and compare what you talked about.

## BEFORE READING / LISTENING

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. South Korea's Jeong Jang has won a British golf championship. | T / F |
| b. She came from well behind to win on the last hole.            | T / F |
| c. She is the first South Korean to win a major golf tournament. | T / F |
| d. Jang will turn professional next week.                        | T / F |
| e. Jang's hands were shaking as she made the winning putt.       | T / F |
| f. A fifteen-year-old challenged for the lead.                   | T / F |
| g. The world number one was never in contention for the lead.    | T / F |
| h. The women's world number one is as good as Tiger Woods.       | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| a. won           | countrywoman |
| b. also known as | wonder       |
| c. spectacular   | supremacy    |
| d. pursued       | staggering   |
| e. prodigy       | epitomized   |
| f. compatriot    | AKA          |
| g. contention    | equal        |
| h. summed up     | chased       |
| i. dominance     | triumphed in |
| j. joint         | the running  |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. She led                    | are shaking                  |
| b. also                       | failed to materialize        |
| c. My hands                   | throughout the tournament    |
| d. spectacular                | of Tiger Woods' in the men's |
| e. closely pursued            | known as JJ                  |
| f. phenomenal 15-year-old     | for the lead                 |
| g. she remained in contention | prodigy                      |
| h. Her predicted late charge  | from start to finish         |
| i. she dropped shots          | victory                      |
| j. comparable to that         | at the last hole             |

## WHILE READING / LISTENING

**GAP FILL:** Put the words in the column on the right into the correct spaces.

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*comparable*  
*becomes*  
*phenomenal*  
*materialize*  
*led*  
*contention*  
*pursued*  
*summed*  
*intimidating*  
*shaking*

## **AFTER READING / LISTENING**

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'number' and 'one'.

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the gap fill. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. STUDENT "WOMEN'S SPORT" SURVEY:** In pairs / groups, write down questions about golf and women in sport.

- Ask other classmates your questions and note down their answers.
- Go back to your original partner / group and compare your findings.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

**6. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall exactly how these were used in the text:

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| • led          | • compatriot   |
| • known        | • intimidating |
| • hands        | • contention   |
| • professional | • charge       |
| • pursued      | • dominance    |
| • phenomenal   | • par          |

## **DISCUSSION**

### STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. What were your initial thoughts on this headline?
- b. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- c. What do you think of men's and women's golf?
- d. What do you think of women's sports?
- e. Do you think women will ever receive as much money as men in sport?
- f. Do you think men and women should receive the same amount of money?
- g. Do women have better abilities and skills than men in sports?
- h. Do you prefer watching women's or men's sports?
- i. Do you think women will take part in men's competitions?
- j. In which sports would you like to see women take on men?

### STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. Did you like reading this article?
- b. What did you think about what you read?
- c. Why are there no female Formula One racing drivers?
- d. Do girls receive equal access to sports at school in your country?
- e. Are women's sports given a lot of TV coverage in your country?
- f. Would you give equal encouragement to your son and daughter to pursue a career playing sports?
- g. Who is the best / most famous female sports star in the world?
- h. Are there any sports women should not take part in?
- i. When was the last time you felt under par?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

**AFTER DISCUSSION:** Join another partner / group and tell them what you talked about.

- a. What question would you like to ask about this topic?
- b. What was the most interesting thing you heard?
- c. Was there a question you didn't like?
- d. Was there something you totally disagreed with?
- e. What did you like talking about?
- f. Do you want to know how anyone else answered the questions?
- g. Which was the most difficult question?

## SPEAKING

**WOMEN IN SPORT:** You are head of the "Women in Sport" campaign. You have to revamp your society's policies and attitudes towards women in sport at every level. In pairs / groups, discuss what problems or barriers currently exist and suggest recommendations to break down these barriers.

After you have finished, talk about the feasibility of your recommendations taking place in your country.

FORMS	BARRIERS	SUGGESTIONS	FEASIBILITY
Elementary school			
Junior high / Secondary school			
University			
Television			
Sponsorship rules for sport			
Government policies			
Sports federations			
Other			

Change partners and explain what you discussed with your previous partner(s).

Return to your original partners and talk about any feedback you received.



## **LISTENING**

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information on women's golf. Share your findings with your class in the next lesson.

**3. WOMEN'S SPORT:** Write a report outlining the areas in which you think women's sport is better than men's. Explain the main points of your report to your classmates in your next lesson. Did you all write about similar things?

**4. VICTORY:** Imagine you have just won a major world sporting event. Write the entry in your journal / diary about the day of your win. Read your letter to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all write about similar things?

## ANSWERS

### TRUE / FALSE:

a. T      b. F      c. F      d. F      e. F      f. T      g. F      h. F

### SYNONYM MATCH:

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b. also known as	AKA
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d. pursued	chased
e. prodigy	wonder
f. compatriot	countrywoman
g. contention	the running
h. summed up	epitomized
i. dominance	supremacy
j. joint	equal

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c. My hands	are shaking
d. spectacular	victory
e. closely pursued	for the lead
f. phenomenal 15-year-old	prodigy
g. she remained in contention	throughout the tournament
h. Her predicted late charge	failed to materialize
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j. comparable to that	of Tiger Woods' in the men's

### GAP FILL:

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