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Simone Biles makes more gymnastics history

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

U.S. gymnast Simone Biles is continuing to make history with her jaw-dropping feats. Ms Biles won her sixth U.S. Gymnastics Championships this week, becoming only the second woman to accomplish this. This record was first set 67 years ago. The victory was also Biles' 20th consecutive, all-round major tournament win, dating back to 2013. However, it was her performances that further etched her name into the record books. On Saturday, Biles became the first gymnast to land a double twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing roars of delight from spectators. She topped that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a triple-double (three twists and two flips) on the floor.

The 22-year-old Biles displayed her customary post-competition modesty. Rather than celebrate her achievements, she expressed her frustration at her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the triple-double. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm scratching the meet. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever the perfectionist, she added: "I still get really frustrated because I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine for the audience and for myself out here." The plaudits came flooding in following her performances. Former gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's got enough gold medals at home, someone give this girl a crown."

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<https://www.10tv.com/article/simone-biles-wins-record-tying-6th-us-womens-gymnastics-title-2019-aug>

WARM-UPS

1. GYMNASTICS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about gymnastics. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

gymnast / make history / record / tournament / performances / somersault / floor / modesty / celebrate / achievements / perfectionist / routine / audience / medals

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RECORDS: Students A **strongly** believe records in sport are very important; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS: What do you know about these championships? What do you think of them? How could they be made better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	What You Think	Improvements?
Gymnastics			
Athletics			
Soccer World Cup			
Skiing World Cup			
Wimbledon Tennis			
Formula 1			

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

6. ROUTINES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best gymnastics routines at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- vault
- beam
- floor
- uneven bars
- rhythmic
- trampoline
- parallel bars
- horse

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. jaw-dropping | a. Be permanently fixed in someone's memory or in history. |
| 2. feats | b. Achieve or complete successfully. |
| 3. accomplish | c. An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. |
| 4. consecutive | d. A person who watches at a show, game, or other event. |
| 5. etched | e. Totally, totally, totally amazing. |
| 6. somersault | f. Following continuously in an unbroken sequence. |
| 7. spectator | g. An acrobatic movement in which a person turns head over heels in the air or on the ground and lands or finishes on their feet. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. customary | h. An organized event at which a number of races or other sporting contests are held. |
| 9. modesty | i. Praise. |
| 10. scratching | j. A set sequence in a performance such as a dance. |
| 11. meet | k. The quality of not talking a lot or boasting about one's abilities. |
| 12. routine | l. Arrive in overwhelming amounts or quantities. |
| 13. plaudits | m. According to a person's habitual practice. |
| 14. flooding | n. Withdraw from a competition. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Gymnast Simone Biles did a historic gymnastic feat using her jaw. **T / F**
- b. Ms Biles equaled a record that was set 67 years ago. **T / F**
- c. Ms Biles has now won 20 major gymnastics tournaments in a row. **T / F**
- d. Ms Biles is the first female gymnast to do a triple-double on the floor. **T / F**
- e. Simone spoke more about her frustrations than her achievements. **T / F**
- f. After her performance, Ms Biles said she wanted to eat some meat. **T / F**
- g. There was a flood of placards after Ms Biles' historic records. **T / F**
- h. An ex-gymnast gave Simone Biles a crown to celebrate her records. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. continuing | a. surpassed |
| 2. feats | b. achieve |
| 3. accomplish | c. plenty of |
| 4. consecutive | d. usual |
| 5. topped | e. pulling out of |
| 6. customary | f. keeping on |
| 7. frustration | g. praise |
| 8. scratching | h. successive |
| 9. plaudits | i. annoyance |
| 10. enough | j. achievements |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Biles is continuing | a. competition modesty |
| 2. becoming only the second woman to | b. medals at home |
| 3. dating | c. two flips |
| 4. She topped | d. accomplish this |
| 5. three twists and | e. flooding in |
| 6. Biles displayed her customary post- | f. to make history |
| 7. she expressed her frustration | g. perfectionist |
| 8. Ever the | h. at her mistakes |
| 9. The plaudits came | i. that a day later |
| 10. Simone's got enough gold | j. back to 2013 |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

U.S. gymnast Simone Biles is (1) _____ to make history with her jaw-dropping (2) _____. Ms Biles won her sixth U.S. Gymnastics Championships this week, becoming only the second woman to (3) _____ this. This record was first set 67 years ago. The victory was also Biles' 20th consecutive, all-round major tournament win, (4) _____ back to 2013. However, it was her performances that further (5) _____ her name into the record books. On Saturday, Biles became the first gymnast to (6) _____ a double twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing (7) _____ of delight from spectators. She (8) _____ that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a triple-double (three twists and two flips) on the floor.

roars
etched
accomplish
feats
topped
continuing
land
dating

The 22-year-old Biles displayed her (9) _____ post-competition modesty. Rather than (10) _____ her achievements, she expressed her (11) _____ at her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the triple-double. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm (12) _____ the meet. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever the (13) _____, she added: "I still get really frustrated because I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine for the (14) _____ and for myself out here." The (15) _____ came flooding in following her performances. Former gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's got enough gold medals at home, someone give this girl a (16) _____."

audience
scratching
crown
customary
plaudits
frustration
celebrate
perfectionist

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

- 1) U.S. gymnast Simone Biles is continuing to make history with her _____
 - a. jaw-dropping feats
 - b. jaw-dropping feet
 - c. jaw-dropping feature
 - d. jaw-dropping fleets
- 2) becoming only the second woman to _____
 - a. accomplishment this
 - b. accompanies this
 - c. accomplish this
 - d. a come plush this
- 3) Biles' 20th consecutive, all-round major tournament win, _____ 2013
 - a. date in back to
 - b. day ting back to
 - c. date ting back to
 - d. dating back to
- 4) it was her performances that further etched her name into _____
 - a. the records books
 - b. the recorded books
 - c. the record books
 - d. the recording books
- 5) land a double twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing _____
 - a. roar of delight
 - b. roars of delight
 - c. boars of delightful
 - d. oars of delights
- 6) The 22-year-old Biles displayed her customary post-_____
 - a. competition immodesty
 - b. competing modesty
 - c. competes in modesty
 - d. competition modesty
- 7) Rather than celebrate her achievements, she expressed _____
 - a. her frustrations
 - b. her frustrated
 - c. her frustration
 - d. her frustrating
- 8) 'I'm scratching the meet. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever _____
 - a. the perfectionist
 - b. the percussionist
 - c. the contortionist
 - d. the cartoonist
- 9) I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine _____
 - a. for them audience
 - b. for the audience
 - c. for their audience
 - d. for there audience
- 10) Simone's got enough gold medals at home, someone give this _____
 - a. girl acre own
 - b. girl ache roam
 - c. girl a crown
 - d. girl a clown

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

U.S. gymnast Simone Biles (1) _____ make history with her jaw-dropping feats. Ms Biles won her sixth U.S. Gymnastics Championships this week, (2) _____ second woman to accomplish this. This record was first set 67 years ago. The victory was also Biles' 20th consecutive, all-round major tournament win, (3) _____ 2013. However, it was her performances that (4) _____ name into the record books. On Saturday, Biles became the first gymnast to land a double twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing (5) _____ from spectators. She topped that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a triple-double ((6) _____ two flips) on the floor.

The 22-year-old Biles (7) _____ post-competition modesty. Rather than celebrate her achievements, she expressed (8) _____ her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the triple-double. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm (9) _____. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever the perfectionist, she added: "I still (10) _____ because I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do (11) _____ for the audience and for myself out here." The plaudits came flooding in following her performances. Former gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's (12) _____ medals at home, someone give this girl a crown."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

1. What kind of feats did the article call Simone's performances?
2. When did the first female gymnast win six US Championships in a row?
3. When did Simone Biles' winning run start?
4. What did spectators do after Ms Biles did her beam dismount?
5. What did Ms Biles become the first woman to do on Sunday?
6. How old is Simone Biles?
7. What did Ms Biles express to reporters?
8. What did Ms Biles want to do after she fell?
9. What came flooding in following Ms Biles' performance?
10. What did a former gymnast suggest Ms Biles be given?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

- 1) What kind of feats did the article call Simone's performances?
 - a) head-banging
 - b) awe-inspiring
 - c) jaw-dropping
 - d) foot-tapping
- 2) When did the first female gymnast win six US Championships in a row?
 - a) 67 years ago
 - b) 1967
 - c) 76 years ago
 - d) 1976
- 3) When did Simone Biles' winning run start?
 - a) 2014
 - b) 2013
 - c) 2012
 - d) 2015
- 4) What did spectators do after Ms Biles did her beam dismount?
 - a) throw roses
 - b) clap like a sea lion
 - c) howl like a banshee
 - d) roar with delight
- 5) What did Ms Biles become the first woman to do on Sunday?
 - a) a double-triple
 - b) a quadruple-triple
 - c) a triple-double
 - d) a triple-triple
- 6) How old is Simone Biles?
 - a) 21
 - b) 22
 - c) 23
 - d) 24
- 7) What did Ms Biles express to reporters?
 - a) her secrets
 - b) her future plans
 - c) her joy
 - d) her frustration
- 8) What did Ms Biles want to do after she fell?
 - a) scratch her head
 - b) scratch the meet
 - c) eat some meat
 - d) scratch some meat
- 9) What came flooding in following Ms Biles' performance?
 - a) money
 - b) plaudits
 - c) rose
 - d) rain
- 10) What did a former gymnast suggest Ms Biles be given?
 - a) a crown
 - b) the medal of freedom
 - c) her own TV show
 - d) a gold beam

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

Role A – Vault

You think the vault is the best gymnastics routine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their routines. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): floor, trampoline or beam.

Role B – Floor

You think the floor is the best gymnastics routine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their routines. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): vault, trampoline or beam.

Role C – Trampoline

You think the trampoline is the best gymnastics routine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their routines. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): floor, vault or beam.

Role D – Beam

You think the beam is the best gymnastics routine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their routines. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): floor, trampoline or vault.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'gymnastics' and 'history'.

gymnastics	history
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- 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 activity. 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. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• continuing• sixth• accomplish• dating• roars• later	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• post• felt• meet• well• flooding• gold
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GYMNASTICS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

Write five GOOD questions about gymnastics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

GYMNASTICS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'gymnastics'?
3. What do you know about Simone Biles?
4. What do you think of gymnastics?
5. How do you feel when you watch gymnastics?
6. Would you like a body like a gymnast's body?
7. Who is the greatest ever gymnast?
8. What were you like at gymnastics at school?
9. Do you like using gymnastics apparatus?
10. Should we all learn gymnastics?

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GYMNASTICS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'history'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How much of a role model is Simone Biles?
15. How modest are you?
16. When was the last time you felt disappointed?
17. How much of a perfectionist are you?
18. Have you ever performed in front of an audience?
19. Have you ever won a competition?
20. What questions would you like to ask Simone Biles?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The 22-year-old Biles displayed her (7) _____ post-competition modesty. Rather than celebrate her achievements, she expressed her frustration (8) _____ her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the triple-double. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm (9) _____ the meet. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever the (10) _____, she added: "I still get really frustrated because I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine for the audience and for myself out here." The (11) _____ came flooding in following her performances. Former gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's got (12) _____ gold medals at home, someone give this girl a crown."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) continues | (b) continuance | (c) continual | (d) continuing |
| 2. | (a) plush | (b) relinquish | (c) replenish | (d) accomplish |
| 3. | (a) roundly | (b) round | (c) rounds | (d) round |
| 4. | (a) edged | (b) eared | (c) etched | (d) sketched |
| 5. | (a) land | (b) laud | (c) laid | (d) lard |
| 6. | (a) topped | (b) bottomed | (c) sided | (d) middled |
| 7. | (a) curtsy | (b) courteously | (c) cursory | (d) customary |
| 8. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) itching | (b) scratching | (c) rubbing | (d) scraping |
| 10. | (a) perfection | (b) perfected | (c) perfectionist | (d) perfect |
| 11. | (a) bandits | (b) culprits | (c) plaudits | (d) affidavits |
| 12. | (a) suffice | (b) enough | (c) plenty | (d) amply |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. her jaw-dropping etsaf
2. the second woman to omicasclhp this
3. Biles' 20th eonscvticue, all-round major tournament
4. further ecdhte her name into the record books
5. a double twisting, double esumlator
6. bringing roars of delight from srstetoapc

Paragraph 2

7. her customary post-competition tomyesd
8. eablrcree her achievements
9. she expressed her usatifortrn
10. Ever the oectisprefnti
11. do the best routine for the unceidae
12. The altduspi came flooding in

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing roars of delight from spectators. She topped
- () gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's got enough gold medals at home, someone give this girl a crown."
- () round major tournament win, dating back to 2013. However, it was her performances that further
- () achievements, she expressed her frustration at her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling
- () etched her name into the record books. On Saturday, Biles became the first gymnast to land a double
- () well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine for the audience and for myself
- (**1**) U.S. gymnast Simone Biles is continuing to make history with her jaw-dropping feats. Ms Biles won her
- () out here." The plaudits came flooding in following her performances. Former
- () after the triple-double. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm scratching the
- () The 22-year-old Biles displayed her customary post-competition modesty. Rather than celebrate her
- () accomplish this. This record was first set 67 years ago. The victory was also Biles' 20th consecutive, all-
- () meet. I'm walking off the floor.'" Ever the perfectionist, she added: "I still get really frustrated because I know...how
- () sixth U.S. Gymnastics Championships this week, becoming only the second woman to
- () that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a triple-double (three twists and two flips) on the floor.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

1. with Continuing to history make feats . jaw-dropping her
2. second only this . woman Becoming the accomplish to
3. years 67 set first record was This ago .
4. her record Further books . the etched name into
5. triple-double . the land to first woman a Becoming
6. mistakes . expressed her her frustration She at
7. falling . disappointed reporters she She told felt while
8. just routine . I want do the best to
9. came in her plaudits flooding following performances . The
10. gold at medals Simone's enough home . got

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

U.S. gymnast Simone Biles is *continued* / *continuing* to make history with her jaw-dropping *feats* / *feet*. Ms Biles won her sixth U.S. Gymnastics Championships this week, *becomes* / *becoming* only the second woman to accomplish this. This record was first *set* / *met* 67 years ago. The victory was also Biles' 20th *consecutive* / *consecutively*, all-round major tournament win, dating *past* / *back* to 2013. However, it was her performances that further *sketched* / *etched* her name into the record books. On Saturday, Biles became the first gymnast to *laud* / *land* a double twisting, double somersault beam dismount, bringing roars of *delight* / *delightful* from spectators. She topped that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a triple-double (three twists and two *flips* / *flaps*) on the floor.

The 22-year-old Biles displayed her *ceremony* / *customary* post-competition modesty. Rather *than* / *that* celebrate her achievements, she expressed her frustration *on* / *at* her mistakes. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the *triplet-doublet* / *triple-double*. She said: "As soon as I fell on the floor, I was like, 'That's it, I'm scratching the *meat* / *meet*. I'm walking *out* / *off* the floor.'" Ever the *perfectionist* / *percussionist*, she added: "I still get really frustrated because I know...how well I can do, so I just want to do the best routine for the *audio* / *audience* and for myself out here." The plaudits came *flooding* / *washing* in following her performances. Former gymnast Nastia Liukin tweeted: "Simone's got enough gold medals at home, someone give this girl a *clown* / *crown*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

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t h _ s g _ r l _ _ c r _ w n . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190815-simone-biles.html>

us gymnast simone biles is continuing to make history with her jawdropping feats ms biles won her sixth us gymnastics championships this week becoming only the second woman to accomplish this this record was first set 67 years ago the victory was also biles 20th consecutive allround major tournament win dating back to 2013 however it was her performances that further etched her name into the record books on saturday biles became the first gymnast to land a double twisting double somersault beam dismount bringing roars of delight from spectators she topped that a day later by becoming the first woman to land a tripledouble three twists and two flips on the floor

the 22yearold biles displayed her customary postcompetition modesty rather than celebrate her achievements she expressed her frustration at her mistakes she told reporters she felt disappointed while falling after the tripledouble she said as soon as i fell on the floor i was like thats it im scratching the meet im walking off the floor ever the perfectionist she added i still get really frustrated because i knowhow well i can do so i just want to do the best routine for the audience and for myself out here the plaudits came flooding in following her performances former gymnast nastia liukin tweeted simones got enough gold medals at home someone give this girl a crown

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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U.S.gymnastSimoneBilesiscontinuingtomakehistorywithherjaw-droppingfeats.MsBileswonhersixthU.S.GymnasticsChampionshipsthisweek,becomingonlythesecondwomantoaccomplishthis.Thisrecordwasfirstset67yearsago.ThevictorywasalsoBiles'20thconsecutive,all-roundmajortournamentwin,datingbackto2013.However,itwasherperformanceshatfurtheretchedhernameintotherecordbooks.OnSaturday,Bilesbecamethefirstgymnasttolandadoubletwisting,doublesomersaultbeamdismount,bringingroarsofdelightfromspectators.She toppedthatadaylaterbybecomingthefirstwomantolandatriple-double(threetwistsandtwoflips)onthefloor.The22-year-oldBilesdisplayedhercustomarypost-competitionmodesty.Ratherthancelebrateherachievements,sheexpressedherfrustrationatthemistakes.Shetoldreportersshewasdisappointedwhilefallingafterthetriple-double.Shesaid:"AssoonasIfellonfloor,Iwaslike,'That'sit,I'mscratchingthemet.I'mwalkingoffthefloor.'"Everthepersonification,sheadded:"IstillgetreallyfrustratedbecauseIknow...howwellIcando,soIjustwanttodothebestroutinefortheaudienceandformyselfoutthere."Theplauditscamefloodinginfollowingherperformances.FormergymnastNastiaLiukintweeted:"Simone'sgotenoughgoldmedalsathome,someonegivethisgirlacrown."

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 out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SIMONE BILES: Make a poster about Simone Biles. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GYMNASTICS: Write a magazine article about gymnastics being a compulsory subject at school. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on gymnastics. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make gymnastics more popular. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. continuing | a. keeping on |
| 2. feats | b. achievements |
| 3. accomplish | c. achieve |
| 4. consecutive | d. successive |
| 5. topped | e. surpassed |
| 6. customary | f. usual |
| 7. frustration | g. annoyance |
| 8. scratching | h. pulling out of |
| 9. plaudits | i. praise |
| 10. enough | j. plenty of |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Jaw-dropping
2. 67 years ago
3. 2013
4. Roared with delight
5. A triple-double
6. 22
7. Her frustration
8. Scratch the meet / Walk off the floor
9. Plaudits
10. A crown

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Continuing to make history with her jaw-dropping feats.
2. Becoming only the second woman to accomplish this.
3. This record was first set 67 years ago.
4. Further etched her name into the record books.
5. Becoming the first woman to land a triple-double.
6. She expressed her frustration at her mistakes.
7. She told reporters she felt disappointed while falling.
8. I just want to do the best routine.
9. The plaudits came flooding in following her performances.
10. Simone's got enough gold medals at home.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)