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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 / shaking hands / winning / disappointing days / challenges / champions*

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. Jang's hands were shaking as she made the winning putt.       | T / F |
| d. Jang will turn professional next week.                        | T / F |
| e. The world number one was never near the leaders.              | T / F |
| f. The world number one had a very enjoyable day.                | T / F |
| g. A fifteen-year-old challenged for the lead.                   | T / F |
| h. Last year's winner finished as runner up.                     | T / F |

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

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| a. won             | whiz kid         |
| b. start to finish | capture          |
| c. win             | promising        |
| d. shaking         | pursued          |
| e. bright          | trembling        |
| f. chased          | seemed           |
| g. looked          | triumphed in     |
| h. utmost          | top spot         |
| i. prodigy         | best             |
| j. lead            | beginning to end |

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

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. She led                    | major tournaments    |
| b. win by                     | utmost               |
| c. one of golf's              | for women's golf     |
| d. My hands                   | four shots           |
| e. bright new hopes           | champion             |
| f. chased Jang throughout the | are shaking          |
| g. never looked               | from start to finish |
| h. did her                    | Korean               |
| i. fellow                     | like catching her    |
| j. defending                  | tournament           |

## WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

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*won*  
*bright*  
*major*  
*shaking*  
*shots*  
*summed*  
*chased*  
*lead*  
*catching*  
*joint*  
*utmost*  
*prodigy*  
*throughout*

## **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:

- |                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| • won          | • chased    |
| • four         | • catching  |
| • major        | • dropped   |
| • shaking      | • summed up |
| • professional | • fellow    |
| • hopes        | • joint     |

## **DISCUSSION**

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

- a. What did you think when you first read 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 battle 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 on TV a lot in your country?
- f. Would you encourage your son and daughter to try for 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 do?
- i. What adjective would you use to sum up your day / week?
- 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 change your society's thinking and policies towards women in sport at every level. In pairs / groups, discuss what problems or barriers exist and suggest recommendations to break down these barriers.

After you have finished, talk about the possibility of your suggestions being accepted in your country.

FORMS	BARRIERS	SUGGESTIONS	POSSIBILITY
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 describing 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. F      g. T      h. F

### SYNONYM MATCH:

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b. start to finish	beginning to end
c. win	capture
d. shaking	trembling
e. bright	promising
f. chased	pursued
g. looked	seemed
h. utmost	best
i. prodigy	whiz kid
j. lead	top spot

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c. one of golf's	major tournaments
d. My hands	are shaking
e. bright new hopes	for women's golf
f. chased Jang throughout the	tournament
g. never looked	like catching her
h. did her	utmost
i. fellow	Korean
j. defending	champion

### GAP FILL:

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