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Tennis legend Serena Williams plays her final match

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THE ARTICLE

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One of sport's greatest ever legends has played her final professional match. Serena Williams bowed out of the US Open tennis tournament on Friday after being defeated in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her customary grit and determination in the gruelling three-hour match. The watching crowd stood and erupted in thunderous applause and an outpouring of love at the moment defeat arrived. "Happy tears" streamed down her face as Ms Williams showed her appreciation to the crowd and waved farewell. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here, that's been on my side so many years, decades...literally decades. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams is arguably the greatest tennis player of all time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent as the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are testament to that. However, her achievements have spread far beyond tennis. She has been an inspiration to girls worldwide. Former tennis great Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be yet to come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff cited Williams as her hero. She said: "The impact you've had on me goes beyond any words that can be put together." Former United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform with your talents."

Sources: <https://sports.yahoo.com/us-open-2022-serena-williams-ends-career-with-third-round-loss-but-her-tennis-legacy-will-only-grow-022257347.html>
https://www.espn.com/tennis/story/_/id/34459661/serena-williams-exits-us-open-one-greatest-ever-legacy-goes-far-titles-won
<https://www.bbc.com/sport/tennis/62777226>

WARM-UPS

1. SERENA WILLIAMS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Serena Williams. 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?

sport / legend / professional / tennis / tournament / grit / tears / crowd / farewell / the greatest / titles / achievements / inspiration / contributions / impact / words

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

3. GOAT: Students A **strongly** believe Serena Williams is the greatest sports star of all time; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE GREATEST: Who is the greatest ever in these fields? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Sport		
Business		
Environment		
Technology		
Politics		
Entertainment		

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

6. LEGENDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest legends at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Serena Williams
- Lewis Hamilton
- Steve Jobs
- Nelson Mandela
- Taylor Swift
- Neil Armstrong
- Oprah Winfrey
- Queen Elizabeth II

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. legend | a. An extremely famous person, especially in a particular field. |
| 2. bowed out | b. Recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something. |
| 3. customary | c. Withdraw or retired from an activity or role. |
| 4. grit | d. Approval or praise expressed by clapping. |
| 5. applause | e. According to a person's habitual practice. |
| 6. appreciation | f. Courage and resolve; strength of character. |
| 7. literally | g. Exactly. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. arguably | h. Praised someone for doing something or being great. |
| 9. testament | i. The part played by a person or thing in bringing about a result or helping something to advance. |
| 10. inspiration | j. Possibly; conceivably; maybe. |
| 11. contribution | k. The effect or influence one thing or person has on another. |
| 12. cited | l. Something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality. |
| 13. impact | m. Made a big change in the form, nature, or appearance of. |
| 14. transform | n. The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

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

1. The article says Serena Williams is the greatest ever sporting legend. **T / F**
2. Serena Williams will be 40 years old next month. **T / F**
3. There was thunder and lightning the moment Serena Williams lost. **T / F**
4. Serena Williams thanked her parents during a post-match interview. **T / F**
5. Ms Williams spent nearly 320 weeks as world number one. **T / F**
6. Ms Williams was a tennis professional for 27 years. **T / F**
7. A tennis great said the best of Serena is still to come. **T / F**
8. The US' current First Lady can't wait to see what Serena does from now. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. legend | a. poured |
| 2. bowed out | b. change |
| 3. grit | c. proof |
| 4. streamed | d. retired |
| 5. literally | e. guiding light |
| 6. arguably | f. quoted |
| 7. testament | g. icon |
| 8. inspiration | h. precisely |
| 9. cited | i. bravery |
| 10. transform | j. probably |

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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. One of sport's greatest | a. greatest tennis player |
| 2. Serena Williams bowed | b. in thunderous applause |
| 3. The 40-year-old showed her customary grit | c. with your talents |
| 4. The watching crowd stood and erupted | d. match interview |
| 5. In her post- | e. be yet to come |
| 6. Serena Williams is arguably the | f. out of the US Open |
| 7. her achievements have spread | g. beyond any words |
| 8. her greatest contributions may | h. and determination |
| 9. The impact you've had on me goes | i. far beyond tennis |
| 10. the lives you continue to transform | j. ever legends |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

One of sport's greatest ever legends has played her (1) _____ professional match. Serena Williams (2) _____ out of the US Open tennis tournament on Friday after being defeated in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her customary (3) _____ and determination in the gruelling three-hour match. The watching crowd stood and (4) _____ in thunderous applause and an outpouring of love at the (5) _____ defeat arrived. "Happy tears" streamed down her face as Ms Williams showed her (6) _____ to the crowd and waved (7) _____. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here, that's been on my side so many years, decades... (8) _____ decades. But, it all started with my parents."

bowed
appreciation
erupted
literally
final
farewell
grit
moment

Serena Williams is (9) _____ the greatest tennis player of all time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent as the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are (10) _____ to that. However, her achievements have spread far beyond tennis. She has been an (11) _____ to girls worldwide. Former tennis (12) _____ Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be (13) _____ to come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff (14) _____ Williams as her hero. She said: "The impact you've had on me goes (15) _____ any words that can be put together." Former United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to (16) _____ with your talents."

inspiration
yet
arguably
transform
great
beyond
testament
cited

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

- 1) One of sport's greatest ever legends has played her _____
 - a. finally professional match
 - b. final professionally match
 - c. final professional match
 - d. final professional matching
- 2) bowed out of the US Open tennis tournament on Friday _____
 - a. after been defeated
 - b. after be in defeated
 - c. after being defeated
 - d. after bean defeated
- 3) showed her customary grit and determination in the _____
 - a. gruelling three-hours match
 - b. gruelling three-hourly match
 - c. gruelling three-our match
 - d. gruelling three-hour match
- 4) Happy tears streamed down her face as Ms Williams showed her appreciation _____
 - a. to the crowd
 - b. to the crowded
 - c. to the crowding
 - d. to the cloud
- 5) that's been on my side so many years, _____
 - a. decades...literal decades
 - b. decades...literally decades
 - c. decade...literally decades
 - d. decades...literally decade
- 6) Serena Williams is arguably the greatest tennis player _____
 - a. off all time
 - b. of all time
 - c. oft all time
 - d. offal time
- 7) world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are _____
 - a. test ailment to that
 - b. tester meant to that
 - c. test a mint to that
 - d. testament to that
- 8) Billie Jean King said her greatest contributions may be _____
 - a. yes to go
 - b. yet to come
 - c. yet two come
 - d. yet to go
- 9) The impact you've had on me goes _____
 - a. beyond many words
 - b. be yonder any words
 - c. behind many words
 - d. beyond any words
- 10) I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform _____
 - a. with your talents
 - b. within your talents
 - c. with our talents
 - d. with your talented

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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One of sport's greatest ever (1) _____ her final professional match. Serena Williams (2) _____ the US Open tennis tournament on Friday after being defeated in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her (3) _____ determination in the gruelling three-hour match. The watching crowd stood and erupted in thunderous applause and an (4) _____ at the moment defeat arrived. "Happy tears" streamed down her face as Ms Williams showed her appreciation to the crowd (5) _____. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here, that's been on my side so many (6) _____ decades. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams (7) _____ greatest tennis player of all time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent as the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional (8) _____ that. However, her achievements have spread far beyond tennis. She has been an (9) _____ worldwide. Former tennis great Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be yet to come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff cited Williams as her hero. She said: "(10) _____ had on me (11) _____ words that can be put together." Former United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you (12) _____ with your talents."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

1. What did Serena Williams bow out of?
2. How old is Serena Williams?
3. What kind of tears did Serena cry?
4. For how long did Serena say people had been on her side?
5. What did Ms Williams say everything started with?
6. How many Grand Slam titles has Ms Williams won?
7. For how long was Serena Williams a professional player?
8. What did Billie Jean King say about Serena's greatest achievements?
9. Who cited Serena as her hero?
10. What is Michelle Obama looking forward to Serena changing?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

- 1) What did Serena Williams bow out of?
 - a) a meeting
 - b) her sponsorship
 - c) the US Open
 - d) a awards ceremony
- 2) How old is Serena Williams?
 - a) 40
 - b) 39
 - c) 38
 - d) 37
- 3) What kind of tears did Serena cry?
 - a) happy tears
 - b) salty tears
 - c) crocodile tears
 - d) huge tears
- 4) For how long did Serena say people had been on her side?
 - a) 22 years
 - b) decades
 - c) ages
 - d) forever
- 5) What did Ms Williams say everything started with?
 - a) a tennis racket
 - b) a tennis ball
 - c) the first game
 - d) her parents
- 6) How many Grand Slam titles has Ms Williams won?
 - a) 22
 - b) 23
 - c) 24
 - d) 21
- 7) For how long was Serena Williams a professional player?
 - a) 27 years
 - b) 26 years
 - c) 28 years
 - d) 31 years
- 8) What did Billie Jean King say about Serena's greatest achievements?
 - a) they were unbeatable
 - b) they were legendary
 - c) they are yet to come
 - d) they were unbelievable
- 9) Who cited Serena as her hero?
 - a) Rafael Nadal
 - b) Michelle Obama
 - c) Billie Jean King
 - d) Coco Gauff
- 10) What is Michelle Obama looking forward to Serena changing?
 - a) people's lives
 - b) tennis
 - c) the US Open
 - d) the USA

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

Role A – Serena Williams

You think Serena Williams is the greatest legend. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as legendary Also, tell the others which is the least legendary of these (and why): Nelson Mandela, Steve Jobs or Queen Elizabeth II.

Role B – Nelson Mandela

You think Nelson Mandela is the greatest legend. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as legendary Also, tell the others which is the least legendary of these (and why): Serena Williams, Steve Jobs or Queen Elizabeth II.

Role C – Steve Jobs

You think Steve Jobs is the greatest legend. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as legendary Also, tell the others which is the least legendary of these (and why): Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams or Queen Elizabeth II.

Role D – Queen Elizabeth II

You think Queen Elizabeth II is the greatest legend. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their people aren't as legendary Also, tell the others which is the least legendary of these (and why): Nelson Mandela, Steve Jobs or Serena Williams.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

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

tennis	legend
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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">• final• bowed• grit• love• crowd• years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• time• 27• girls• 18• words• talents
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SERENA WILLIAMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Serena Williams 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.

SERENA WILLIAMS 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 'legend'?
3. What do you know about Serena Williams?
4. What do you think of tennis?
5. Is Serena Williams the greatest tennis player of all time?
6. How much grit and determination do you have?
7. How do you think Serena felt after the final point?
8. Do you think Serena should have continued her career?
9. Is men's or women's tennis more exciting?
10. What advice do you have for Serena?

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SERENA WILLIAMS 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 'tennis'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Serena Williams?
15. Who is the greatest sports star of all time?
16. Who is greater, Serena Williams or Rafael Nadal?
17. What are your major achievements?
18. Who has been your biggest inspiration?
19. What impact have you made on people's lives?
20. What questions would you like to ask Serena Williams?

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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Serena Williams is (7) _____ the greatest tennis player of all time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent (8) _____ the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are testament to that. However, her achievements have (9) _____ far beyond tennis. She has been an inspiration to girls worldwide. Former tennis (10) _____ Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be yet to come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff cited Williams as her hero. She said: "The impact you've had on me goes (11) _____ any words that can be put together." Former United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform (12) _____ your talents."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) finality | (b) finalized | (c) final | (d) finally |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) as | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) gruelling | (b) dueling | (c) drilling | (d) grilling |
| 4. | (a) thunderous | (b) thunder | (c) thunders | (d) thundered |
| 5. | (a) brooked | (b) streamed | (c) riveted | (d) channeled |
| 6. | (a) lately | (b) iterative | (c) literacy | (d) literally |
| 7. | (a) argued | (b) argues | (c) arguably | (d) argument |
| 8. | (a) 'twas | (b) has | (c) was | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) spread | (b) spared | (c) speared | (d) sparred |
| 10. | (a) wonderful | (b) great | (c) good | (d) amazing |
| 11. | (a) behind | (b) beyond | (c) yonder | (d) beneath |
| 12. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) with | (d) as |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the US Open tennis trtanmnoue
2. The 40-year-old showed her matucosyr grit
3. in the urielgng three-hour match
4. thunderous spepulaa
5. Ms Williams showed her onractaepipi
6. lalryielt decades

Paragraph 2

7. aglurbay the greatest tennis player of all time
8. are tetnmetas to that
9. her eaevitmeschn have spread
10. an niirtsapino to girls worldwide
11. her greatest otnntiuscribo may be yet to come
12. Coco Gauff cetdi Williams as her hero

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () on my side so many years, decades...literally decades. But, it all started with my parents."
- () farewell. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here, that's been
- () you've had on me goes beyond any words that can be put together." Former
- () out of the US Open tennis tournament on Friday after being defeated in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her customary
- (**1**) One of sport's greatest ever legends has played her final professional match. Serena Williams bowed
- () as the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are testament
- () down her face as Ms Williams showed her appreciation to the crowd and waved
- () in thunderous applause and an outpouring of love at the moment defeat arrived. "Happy tears" streamed
- () worldwide. Former tennis great Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be yet to
- () Serena Williams is arguably the greatest tennis player of all time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent
- () United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform with your talents."
- () grit and determination in the gruelling three-hour match. The watching crowd stood and erupted
- () come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff cited Williams as her hero. She said: "The impact
- () to that. However, her achievements have spread far beyond tennis. She has been an inspiration to girls

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

1. the bowed US of Williams out Open tournament .
2. customary 40-year-old and The her determination . grit showed
3. The thunderous stood in crowd erupted applause . and
4. her Williams appreciation to crowd . showed the
5. that's side for my decades . Everyone on been
6. tennis the time . of all Arguably greatest player
7. weeks 319 spent world Her as one . number
8. beyond Her tennis . far have spread achievements
9. any words put Beyond together . that can be
10. with your talents . to Lives you continue transform

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220905-serena-williams.html>

One of sport's greatest *ever / even* legends has played her final professional match. Serena Williams *rowed / bowed* out of the US Open tennis tournament on Friday after being defeated *on / in* the third round. The 40-year-old showed her customary *grit / girth* and determination in the gruelling three-hour match. The watching crowd *standing / stood* and erupted in thunderous applause and an *outpouring / pouring* of love at the moment defeat *arrival / arrived*. "Happy tears" streamed down her face as Ms Williams showed her *appreciation / appreciate* to the crowd and *waved / waived* farewell. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here, that's been on my side so many years, *decadence / decades*...literally decades. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams is *argument / arguably* the greatest tennis player of *every / all* time. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, her 319 weeks spent as the world's number one, and her 27 years at the top as a professional are testament *by / to* that. However, her achievements have spread *far / for* beyond tennis. She has been an *inspiration / inspirational* to girls worldwide. Former tennis great Billie Jean King said her "greatest contributions may be *as / yet* to come". Current American player 18-year-old Coco Gauff *cited / sighted* Williams as her hero. She said: "The impact you've had on me *goes / comes* beyond any words that can be put *altogether / together*." Former United States First Lady Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to *transfer / transform* with your talents."

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)

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n _f sp_rt's gr__t_st _v_r l_g_nds h_s pl_y_d h_r
f_n_l pr_f_ss__n_l m_tch. S_r_n_ W_ll__ms b_w_d __t
f th _S _p_n t_nns t__rn_m_nt _n Fr_d_y _ft_r
b__ng d_f__t_d _n th_ th_r_d r__nd. Th_ 40-y__r-_ld
sh_w_d h_r c_st_m_ry gr_t _nd d_t_rm_n_t__n _n th_
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w_th my p_r_nts."

S_r_n_ W_ll__ms _s _rg__bly th_ gr__t_st t_nns
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w__ks sp_nt _s th_ w_rld's n_mb_r _n_, _nd h_r 27
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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serena williams is arguably the greatest tennis player of all time her 23 grand slam titles her 319 weeks spent as the worlds number one and her 27 years at the top as a professional are testament to that however her achievements have spread far beyond tennis she has been an inspiration to girls worldwide former tennis great billie jean king said her greatest contributions may be yet to come current american player 18yearold coco gauff cited williams as her hero she said the impact youve had on me goes beyond any words that can be put together former united states first lady michelle obama said i cant wait to see the lives you continue to transform with your talents

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Serena Williams is the greatest sports superstar ever. Discuss.

Series of horizontal lines for writing.



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. SERENA WILLIAMS: Make a poster about Serena Williams. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GOAT: Write a magazine article about making Serena Williams the official Greatest Of All Time (GOAT) sports star. 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 Serena Williams. Ask him/her three questions about her. Give him/her three of your opinions on the impact Serena has made. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. a	5. h
6. j	7. c	8. e	9. f	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The US Open
2. 40
3. Happy tears
4. Decades
5. Her parents
6. 23
7. 27 years
8. They are yet to come
9. Coco Gauff
10. People's lives

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Williams bowed out of the US Open tournament.
2. The 40-year-old showed her customary grit and determination.
3. The crowd stood and erupted in thunderous applause.
4. Williams showed her appreciation to the crowd.
5. Everyone that's been on my side for decades.
6. Arguably the greatest tennis player of all time.
7. Her 319 weeks spent as world number one.
8. Her achievements have spread far beyond tennis.
9. Beyond any words that can be put together.
10. Lives you continue to transform with your talents.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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