Vocabulary Worksheets

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Intermediate level


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Chapter 13—Gerunds and Infinitives

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Worksheet 1, page 1. Reading: Interview with Justine Henin

Read the interview with tennis champion Justine Henin. Then answer the questions.

Interview with Justine Henin

"Winning is important, but not at any price," says Justine Henin, the world-famous tennis champion from Belgium. Henin said this in a speech to about a hundred young teenagers from more than 60 countries.

She spoke about keeping high standards of ethics in sports, and about resisting the temptation to use performance-enhancing drugs. Here are parts of that interview:

Interviewer: You have been a top tennis player for many years, and UNESCO Champion for Sport since last December. Now you are speaking in public on behalf of the Organization’s ideals, right?

Henin: Yes, about the ideals of high standards and not using drugs. It is very important because it involves 13 and 14 year olds. This is a vital age to begin to understand life. I wanted to tell the teenagers that sport has to be nurtured by passion, by love of the game. Of course, sport is my profession, but sport is something that I love beyond everything else. I obviously also love to win -- I’m a competitor -- but I also appreciate the sacrifices that I must make in order to succeed.

Interviewer: Your mission as UNESCO Champion consists essentially of raising the public’s awareness of the problem of doping in sports.

Henin: That’s right. To dope yourself is to cheat, and that is something I cannot conceive of either in my private life or in my career. Winning is important, but not at any price. Doping is obviously a question of ethics, of honesty towards one’s self, of integrity and dignity, but above all, of health. Endangering one’s life to win is something I don’t agree with at all.

Sport is first and foremost a game, and we enjoy playing very much. But, in addition, sport also develops skills for your entire life -- and these skills include being honest and winning by playing by the rules. This is what I tried to explain to the children.

*UNESCO* = United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
*performance-enhancing drugs* = drugs like steroids or stimulants used illegally by athletes
*on behalf of* = instead of someone, or as their representative
*doping* = the practice of using drugs to improve performance in a sport
Worksheet 1, page 2

Circle T if the statement is true according to the reading. Circle F if the statement is false.

1. T / F  Justine Henin made this speech to a group of experienced professional tennis players.

2. T / F  She spoke about ethics in sports.

3. T / F  She represents UNESCO.

4. T / F  She is passionate about the sport of tennis.

5. T / F  Henin’s principal mission for UNESCO is to teach tennis.

6. T / F  The worst thing about doping in sports is that it is unhealthy.

7. T / F  She believes that winning is the only important thing in life.

8. T / F  A sport is only a game, and it doesn’t teach us anything about life.
Worksheet 2. Vocabulary practice

Choose the word or phrase that means the same as the word or phrase in bold.

1. They are determined to educate their children **at any price**.
   a. at a university  b. at a low cost  c. whatever the cost

2. All lawyers must follow the **ethics** of their profession.
   a. rules and standards  b. ideas of beauty  c. leaders

3. It is **vital** for the business to keep accurate financial records.
   a. a good idea  b. very important  c. not necessary

4. The flowers were **nurtured** with an expensive plant food.
   a. killed  b. given special care  c. injured

5. Ella has a **passion** for chocolate ice cream.
   a. allergy  b. dislike  c. great love

6. Sid’s scores on the examination were **beyond** all expectations.
   a. much more than  b. equal to  c. much less than

7. Parents often **make sacrifices for** their children.
   a. buy things for  b. give up things for  c. teach things to

8. Teachers experience **satisfaction** when their students make progress.
   a. happiness  b. a pay raise  c. headaches

9. They **invested** all their money into their new business.
   a. didn’t want to put  b. put in, and hoped to increase it  c. lost

10. The **mission** of International House is to enable students of different cultures to live together and build lifelong friendships.
    a. purpose  b. protection  c. failure

11. People now have more **awareness** of the environment than they used to.
    a. carelessness  b. carefulness  c. knowledge

12. Sal is dishonest in his business. He doesn’t have much **integrity**.
    a. future  b. ability  c. honesty

13. They faced their losses with courage and **dignity**.
    a. calm, good behavior  b. hope  c. enough money

14. Safety is the first and **foremost** consideration.
    a. only  b. most important  c. last
Worksheet 3. Vocabulary practice

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the word pool.

behalf cheat competitor drugs ethics nourish
passion satisfaction teenager temptation

1. Sam has played chess all his life. He has a great __________________ for this game.

2. Ann wants to lose weight. She loves bread, but she resists the____________________________ to eat it because it is fattening.

3. A person between the ages of 13 to 19 is a _____________________.

4. Steroids and other performance-enhancing ___________________ are not permitted in the Olympic Games or in any sports.

5. Vitamin A will_____________________ your skin. It’s good for your skin.

6. Bob and Tom tried to _____________________ during the exam.
   Bob used his cell phone to text-message the answers to Tom.

7. Italy was a _____________________ in the finals of the World Cup in 2006.

8. The morals and _____________________ of some societies do not permit capital punishment.

9. “I represent the citizens of this community. On their _____________,
   I say we need more help from the government to build better roads.”

10. The producer had great _____________________ when his film won an Oscar for the best movie of the year.
Worksheet 4. Reading: Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 1

Read the passage about bobsledding and the Jamaican bobsledding team. Answer the questions that follow.

Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 1

Do you know the sport that is called bobsledding? It’s a race on a metal sled (a bobsled) to see which team of two or four persons can go the fastest by sliding down a winding path that is covered with ice.

Bobsledding originated in Switzerland in the 1890s and entered the first Olympic Winter Games in 1924. Since then, all the competing bobsled teams in the Olympics were from northern countries where there is a lot of snow.

Until, that is, the year 1988. In that year, a bobsled team from Jamaica entered the Olympic games in Calgary, Canada. Jamaica is a Caribbean nation, famous for its reggae music, dreadlocks hairstyles, and tropical weather. It was surprising to see a team from the tropics in competition with athletes from cold countries.

In Jamaica, there are a lot of excellent sprinters. Sprinters are runners who are strong for short distances. They are necessary to run fast behind the bobsled, pushing it to a high speed before jumping in. Some enterprising coaches recruited several of these sprinters from Jamaica’s military forces, and formed a bobsledding team, a very dedicated team as it turned out.

The team worked under several handicaps: poor equipment, not enough money for new equipment or training, and lack of experience with snow, since it never snows in Jamaica.

Despite these handicaps, the Jamaican team competed in the Calgary Olympics! How did they do?

(This story continues on Worksheet 6.)
Worksheet 4, page 2

Circle T if the sentence is true according to the reading. Circle F if the sentence is false.

1. T / F  Bobsledding is a sport that takes place in water.
2. T / F  There are three people on a bobsledding team.
3. T / F  Bobsledding originated in Switzerland.
4. T / F  Bobsledding is an Olympic sport.
5. T / F  The Jamaican team entered the Olympics in 1980.
6. T / F  Jamaica is a country which is famous for a kind of music.
7. T / F  The weather in Jamaica is tropical.
8. T / F  The Jamaicans formed a bobsledding team.
9. T / F  Jamaica has a lot of good short-distance runners.
10. T / F  The Jamaicans practiced under ideal conditions.
Worksheet 5. Vocabulary practice

Choose the correct completion.

1. When you go smoothly over a surface by touching it and moving along it, you are moving by (sprinting / sliding).

2. Reggae is a kind of (hairstyle / music) from Jamaica.

3. The opposite of a cold climate is a (northern / tropical) climate.

4. People who have the ability to think of new activities or ideas and make them work are (enterprising / athletic) people.

5. The person who directs and trains a team is its (handicap / coach).

6. When a company or organization actively looks for new people to do special jobs, it (competes / recruits) them.

7. A disadvantage, a situation that makes it extra difficult for someone to get what they want, is a (race / handicap).

8. The army, the navy, and the air force are (athletic / military) forces.

9. The tools, machines, clothes, etc. that a team needs to perform certain tasks are (equipment / training).

10. The systematic process of teaching or being taught the skills for a particular job or activity is (recruiting / training).

11. The opposite of because of this reason is (despite / since) this reason.

12. Some roads are not straight. They are (moving / winding).
Worksheet 6. Reading: Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2

Read the continuation of the story of the Jamaican bobsledding team. Answer the questions that follow.

Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2

The Jamaican team won the hearts of the Olympic spectators and people all over the world with their courage and determination. Despite the doubts of the Olympic spectators about this inexperienced bobsledding team from a tropical country, the team performed very well. They looked good, and were serious contenders to win a gold medal.

But, sadly, in the final race, their sled lost a screw and it crashed violently. The team picked up the sled and carried it to the finish line as everyone clapped and cheered. The team did not win a medal.

Everyone appreciated the team’s spectacular efforts, and everyone loved them. In fact, the story of the Jamaican bobsledding team was so appealing that it was made into a hit Disney movie, Cool Runnings.

Cool Runnings -- an expression which Jamaicans use to mean “everything is fine,” or “no problem” -- is the name the Jamaican bobsledders had given to their bobsled.

Although that first competition did not result in any Olympic medals, the team improved dramatically for their second Olympic games. They had practiced hard for four years, and in 1992 they were confident and focused. In the four-man race, they came in in 4th place, ahead of the U.S. team, the French team, the Russian team, and the Italian team. In the two-man race, they shocked the world by beating the Swedish national champions and coming in in 10th place.

Since that time, the Jamaican bobsledding team has the respect of all the world. It will not be surprising if this team wins an Olympic medal one day.
Choose the correct answers according to the reading, Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2. Note: In item 6, circle all correct completions.

1. What happened to the Jamaican bobsledding team in 1988?
   a. They won a gold medal.
   b. They won the hearts of many people.

2. Which statement is true about the 1988 team?
   a. The Jamaican team finished the race.
   b. The Jamaican team’s sled crashed.

3. What does “Cool Runnings” mean?
   a. Stay calm and cool.
   b. Everything is great.

4. How did the Jamaicans do in the 1992 Olympics?
   a. They did much better than in 1988.
   b. They did worse than in 1988.

5. Which statement is true?
   a. The Jamaicans have won a gold medal in the Olympics.
   b. The Jamaicans could win a gold medal in the future in the Olympics.

6. Which words describe the Jamaican bobsledding teams?
   a. determined
   b. courageous
   c. doubting
   d. focused
   e. violent
   f. appealing
Worksheet 7. Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2: Definitions

Look at Jamaican Bobsledding Team, Part 2. Choose the correct completions.

1. In line 1, **win the hearts** means _____.
   a. make people love you   b. win the game

2. In line 1, **spectators** are _____.
   a. people watching an event  b. people competing in an event

3. In line 2, **courage** means _____.
   a. intelligence   b. strength

4. In line 2, **determination** means _____.
   a. strong intention  b. intention but no ability

5. In line 3, **doubts** means _____.
   a. beliefs   b. questions

6. In line 5, **contenders** means _______.
   a. winners   b. competitors

7. In line 6, a **screw** is something that is like a _____.
   a. ski    b. nail

8. In line 8, **clapped** means that the audience made sounds _____.
   a. with their hands  b. with their voices

9. In line 8, **cheered** means that the audience made sounds _____.
   a. with their hands  b. with their voices

10. In line 9, **appreciated** means _____.
    a. realized the importance of       b. didn’t care about

11. In line 10, **appealing** means _____.
    a. surprising   b. attractive

12. In line 11, a **hit** movie is a movie that is very _____.
    a. popular   b. violent

13. In line 11, in the expression “Cool Runnings,” **cool** is informal for
    a. excellent   b. fast

14. In line 17, **focused** means _____.
    a. light   b. giving careful attention to something
Worksheet 8. Vocabulary practice

Choose the correct word from the word pool to complete each sentence.

appealing because coaches compete despite enterprising handicap recruit sleds slide spectators sprinters tropical winding

1. I remember my childhood winters in Canada. We used to enjoy going down snow-covered hills on our ___________________________.

2. The narrow, ___________________________ roads through the mountains are dangerous.

3. The two young women were ___________________________. They started a translation business, and sold their services on the Internet.

4. Carlo has a ___________________________. He is deaf in one ear.

5. Alaska does not have a ___________________________ climate.

6. Ali and Kim are not long-distance runners. They’re ___________________________.

7. ___________________________ say “Great!” when their team wins, and “You have to play better next time!” when their team loses.

8. You don’t open these glass doors by pushing or pulling them. You have to ___________________________ them to one side.

9. Thirty-two teams from different countries ___________________________ in the World Cup every four years.

10. The State University Medical School wants to ___________________________ the best doctors to teach at its teaching hospital.

11. We went to the beach ___________________________ the bad weather.

12. Pictures of babies, puppies and kittens are usually very ___________________________.

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Worksheet 9. Which word doesn’t belong?

Check the word that does not belong in each group.

1. O honesty   O integrity   O truth   O enterprising
2. O coach     O spectator  O trainer  O teacher
3. O doubt     O strength   O courage  O determination
4. O clap      O sprint    O cheer   O encourage
5. O mission   O game      O ideal   O purpose
6. O cheat     O lie       O slide   O trick
7. O handicap  O difficulty O hit     O disadvantage
8. O clever    O creative  O ethics  O enterprising
9. O competitor O screw    O team   O contender
10. O appeal   O like      O love   O appreciate
Worksheet 10. Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues below the puzzle to figure out the words. All the words are in Chapter 13. Write the correct words across and down. Write one letter in each space.

**ACROSS**

2  The person who trains a team
4  Jazz, rock, and reggae are kinds of _______.
6  Bobsleds _______ on ice.
7  A disadvantage

**DOWN**

1  _______ the temptation.
2  Water _______ of hydrogen and oxygen
3  A road that is not straight is _______.
5  On _______ of; to represent
Answer Key

Worksheet 1
1. F
2. T
3. T
4. T
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. F

Worksheet 2
1. c. whatever the cost
2. a. rules and standards
3. b. very important
4. b. given special care
5. c. great love
6. a. much more than
7. b. give up things for
8. a. happiness
9. b. put in, and hoped to increase it
10. a. purpose
11. c. knowledge
12. c. honesty
13. a. calm, good behavior
14. b. most important

Worksheet 3
1. passion
2. temptation
3. teenager
4. drugs
5. nourish
6. cheat
7. competitor
8. ethics
9. behalf
10. satisfaction

Worksheet 4
1. F
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. F
Worksheet 5
1. sliding
2. music
3. tropical
4. enterprising
5. coach
6. recruits
7. handicap
8. military
9. equipment
10. training
11. despite
12. winding

Worksheet 6
1. b. They won the hearts of many people.
2. b. The Jamaican team’s sled crashed.
3. b. Everything is great.
4. a. They did much better than in 1988.
5. b. The Jamaicans could win a gold medal in the future of the Olympics.
6. a. determined
   b. courageous
   d. focused
   f. appealing

Worksheet 7
1. a. make people love you
2. a. people watching an event
3. b. strength
4. a. strong intention
5. b. questions
6. b. competitors
7. b. nail
8. a. with their hands
9. b. with their voices
10. a. realized the importance of
11. b. attractive
12. a. popular
13. a. excellent
14. b. giving careful attention
Worksheet 8
1. sleds
2. winding
3. enterprising
4. handicap
5. tropical
6. sprinters
7. Coaches
8. slide
9. compete
10. recruit
11. despite
12. appealing

Worksheet 9
1. enterprising
2. spectator
3. doubt
4. sprint
5. game
6. slide
7. hit
8. ethics
9. screw
10. appeal

Worksheet 10
Across:
2. coach
4. music
6. slide
7. handicap

Down:
1. resist
2. consists
3. winding
5. behalf

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