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*You have found a mini-biography of a sportsperson on a website. Read the mini-biography.*

**Text 2 Mini-biography**



# Katie Ledecky

'I just like to swim fast. I don't know about the distance.'

① At just 19 years old, Katie Ledecky made a permanent mark on the 2016 Rio Olympics. She became the most-decorated female athlete, winning four golds and one silver, and smashing two world records in the 400- and 800-metre freestyle. Before accomplishing this impressive feat, the unstoppable American swimmer already took the 2012 London  
5 Olympics by surprise. She won the 800-metre freestyle gold by more than four seconds as the youngest participant in the games.

② It was not long after her Olympic debut that Ledecky broke the 800- as well as the 1500-metre freestyle world records at the 2013 FINA World Championships. She improved her time and broke her own record just a year later. Then, she took down the  
10 400-metre freestyle world record at the 2014 National Championships at Irvine, California. Later, she managed to break her own record again in Australia. Between 2013 and 2015, she won a total of 14 gold medals at the FINA World Championships and the Pan Pacific Championships. She also broke the world record 11 times.

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15 **3** Ledecky's unprecedented achievements were years in the making. With the goal of qualifying for the Olympics in mind, she worked closely with her coach, Bruce Gemmell, to make her dreams come true. Her schedule included waking up at 4 a.m. every morning for training. She swam a total of 70,000 yards every week. She also ate a diet of nutritious foods. To honour her hard-earned achievements, she was inducted into the Washington DC Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

20 **4** Born on 17 March 1997, Ledecky was encouraged by her mother and elder brother to enter the pool when she was six years old. She has never stopped swimming ever since. After high school, she decided to go to Stanford University. It is one of the most respected colleges in the US. She took a gap year to concentrate on training for the Rio Olympics. She started her college life only after the games. She is now studying, while continuing to  
25 compete nationally and internationally. With such a promising start in her swimming career, the future is certainly hers for the taking.

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**Comprehension 2** *Your sister wants to know more about Katie Ledecky. Answer her questions using information from the mini-biography. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

**1** How many medals did Katie Ledecky win at the Rio Olympics?

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Find THREE phrases in paragraph 1 that refers to Katie Ledecky.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

**3** How old was Ledecky when she won her first Olympic medal?

A 13 years old

C 17 years old

A B C D

B 15 years old

D 19 years old

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**4** In which event did Ledecky win her first Olympic medal?

A 200-metre freestyle

C 800-metre freestyle

A B C D

B 400-metre freestyle

D 1500-metre freestyle

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**5** According to paragraph 2, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

### Statements

**T F NG**

i) Ledecky broke many of her own world records.

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ii) Ledecky participated in the 2015 FINA World Championships.

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iii) Ledecky holds 11 world records.

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**6** The writer described Ledecky's routine to show that \_\_\_\_\_.

A she is better than other swimmers

B she is dedicated to swimming

C her coach is very strict

A B C D

D she works as hard as other swimmers

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## Further simplified reading and comprehension

## Unit 7

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- 8 Order the events in Ledecky's life. Number the events (2–5). The first event has been done for you.

### Katie Ledecky's life

She breaks the 1500-metre freestyle world record.

She starts to learn swimming.

She wins a gold medal at the London Olympics.

She starts going to Stanford University.

She is named a Washington DC Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

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- 9 Match the subheadings (A–D) with one of the paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letter on the line next to the paragraph number.

Paragraph no.	Subheadings
i) Paragraph 1 _____	<b>A</b> The making of a great swimmer
ii) Paragraph 2 _____	<b>B</b> The beginning and the future
iii) Paragraph 3 _____	<b>C</b> Breaking world records
iv) Paragraph 4 _____	<b>D</b> Who is Katie Ledecky?

- 10 Complete the following profile using information from the mini-biography.

<b>Name:</b>	Katie Ledecky	<b>Birthday:</b>	(i) _____
<b>Occupation:</b>	(ii) _____	<b>Education:</b>	(iii) _____
<b>Olympic medals:</b>	(iv) _____ golds (v) _____ silver	<b>World record(s):</b>	(vi) _____ (vii) _____ (viii) _____

- 11 Find words from Text 2 with the following meanings.

- i) an achievement that needs skill, strength or courage (n., paragraph 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) the first public appearance of a performer or sports player (n., paragraph 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) never happened, been done or been known before (adj., paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) showing signs of being good or successful (adj., paragraph 4) \_\_\_\_\_