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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

Maria Sharapova was born in Siberia, Russia, in 1987. She led a charge of Russian players who came to achieve great success in the women’s game. She has also brought her own brand of glamour to tennis by designing her own unique tennis outfits. At the 2007 US Open she wore a dress with over 600 crystals sewn into it.

Sharapova got her first tennis racket when she was four from the father of Grand Slam winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov. At the age of six, Maria attended a tennis clinic in Moscow run by Martina Navratilova. Navratilova recognized her talent and recommended that she go to the USA to study at a famous tennis academy in Florida.

Maria moved to the USA with her father in 1994. Neither of them could speak English. They had very little money and went to the tennis academy by bicycle every day. She described it as being a tough time. She turned professional in 2001 and a year later became the youngest girl ever to reach the junior final at Wimbledon.

Sharapova won her first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, when she was 17. She is one of several top players who are known for loud on-court grunting. When reporters asked her about this in 2006, she told them to “put your grunt-o-meters down...and just watch the match”. Sharapova has been the world’s highest paid sportswoman and the women’s number one several times.
SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students’?

Paragraphs 1 and 2
1. led a. managed
2. glamour b. went to
3. unique c. (be) at the front of
4. attended d. beauty
5. run e. acknowledged
6. recognized f. individual

Paragraphs 3 and 4
7. moved g. noisy
8. tough h. a number of
9. reach i. relocated
10. several j. get to
11. loud k. rewarded
12. paid l. hard

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

1. She has also brought her own a. to the USA to study
2. she wore a dress with over b. on-court grunting
3. Sharapova got her first tennis c. could speak English
4. a tennis clinic in Moscow run d. slam title at Wimbledon
5. recommended that she go e. brand of glamour to tennis
6. Neither of them f. paid sportswoman
7. She described it as g. by Martina Navratilova
8. Sharapova won her first grand h. being a tough time
9. known for loud i. 600 crystals sewn into it
10. the world’s highest j. racket when she was four
LISTENING GAP FILL:

Maria Sharapova was born in Siberia, Russia, in 1987. She ____________
Russian players who ____________ great success in the women’s game.
She has also brought her ____________ glamour to tennis by designing
her own unique tennis outfits. At the 2007 US Open she wore a dress with
over 600 crystals ____________.

Sharapova got her first tennis ____________ was four from the father of
Grand Slam winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov. At the age of six, Maria attended a
tennis clinic in ____________ Martina Navratilova. Navratilova recognized
her talent and recommended ____________ USA to study at a
famous ____________ Florida.

Maria moved to the USA with her father in 1994. ____________ could
speak English. They had ____________ and went to the tennis academy
by bicycle every day. She described it as being _____________. She
turned professional in 2001 and a year later became the youngest girl ever
to reach ____________ Wimbledon.

Sharapova ____________ Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, when she was
17. She is one of several top players who ____________ loud on-court
grunting. When reporters asked her about this in 2006, she told them to
“put your grunt-o-meters down…and ____________ match”. Sharapova
has been the world’s highest paid sportswoman and the women’s number
___________.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Maria Sharapova was born in Siberia, Russia, in 1987. She fed/led a charge of Russian players who came to achieve great/greatness success in the women’s game. She has also brought her own bland/brand of glamour to tennis by designing her own unique tennis outfits. At the 2007 US Open she worn/wore a dress with over 600 crystals sewn into it.

Sharapova got her first tennis bat/racket when she was four from the father of Grand Slam winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov. At the age of six, Maria attended a tennis hospital/clinic in Moscow run/played by Martina Navratilova. Navratilova recognized her talent and recommended that she go/went to the USA to study at a famous tennis academy in Florida.

Maria moved to the USA with her father in 1994. Neither/None of them could speak English. They had very few/little money and went to the tennis academy by bicycle every day. She described it as was/being a tough time. She turned professional in 2001 and a year later became the youngest/younger girl ever to reach the junior final at Wimbledon.

Sharapova won her first Grand Slam title to/at Wimbledon, when she was 17. She is one of several top players who are known/knowing for loud on-court grunting. When reporters asked her about this in 2006, she told them to “put your grunt-o-meters down…and just watch the bout/match”. Sharapova has been the world’s highest pay/paid sportswoman and the women’s number one several times.
SPELLING:
These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1
1. Russian yeIrsap
2. eehvacI great success
3. her own brand of orgmlua
4. a dress with over 600 ctsalrys

Paragraph 2
5. tennis crrtake
6. Maria ttaneddde a tennis clinic
7. Navratilova recognized her letnat
8. a famous tennis dmceyaa

Paragraph 3
9. ehtNeir of them could speak English
10. She described it as being a tuohg time
11. She euntrd professional in 2001
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Paragraph 4
13. Grand Slam eIlt
14. one of elaesvr top players
15. loud on-court urgnntgi
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. success great achieve to came who players Russian

2. tennis She has also brought her own brand of glamour to

3. crystals sewn into it she wore a dress with over 600

4. was got tennis she Sharapova first when four her racket

5. tennis academy go to the USA to study at a famous

6. them of Neither English speak could

7. time tough a being as it described She

8. junior ever final to the reach youngest the girl

9. Grand Sharapova Slam won title her at first Wimbledon

10. loud who for players known on-court grunting are
DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What do you know about Maria Sharapova?
2. Would you like to meet Maria Sharapova?
3. What would you like to know about Maria Sharapova and why?
4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

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

1. What did you learn from this text about Maria Sharapova?
2. What questions would you like to ask Maria Sharapova?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. ____________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________
8. ____________________________________________________
THE MARIA SHARAPOVA SURVEY:

Write five questions about Maria Sharapova in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING:

Write about Maria Sharapova for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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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 about Maria Sharapova. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MARIA SHARAPOVA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Maria Sharapova. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Maria Sharapova. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Maria Sharapova. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your “Maria Sharapova expert” partner(s) will try and answer your questions.
ANSWERS

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PHRASE MATCH:

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6. Neither of them f. could speak English
7. She described it as g. being a tough time
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9. known for loud i. on-court grunting
10. the world’s highest j. paid sportswoman

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.