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## Reading Smart 特訓班

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Improving Your Reading Ability and Comprehension Skills

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# Section 1

## Acquiring Reading Skills

In this section, you will learn the following reading skills:

1. Understanding Implicit Meaning of Newspaper Headlines
2. Identifying Persuasive Language
3. Interpreting and Transferring Information to Graphic Form
4. Character Analysis
5. Classification
6. First Person Narrative: Distinguishing Fact from Opinion
7. Inferring Vocabulary
8. Understanding the Elements of Argumentative Essays

# Unit 1

## 1 Pre-reading

- What do you think is the most exciting sport to watch on TV? Why?
- Which do you prefer as a news source: newspapers or social media? Why?
- Which professional athlete inspires you the most? What do you find inspiring about this person?

### Reading Vocabulary



home run



pitcher



finish line



heavyweight



knockout



cyclist



penalty kick



goal

# Sports News in Brief

TRACK 01 ▶



*For the Week of June 11, 2018*

## Home Run Helps End 10-Game Losing Streak<sup>1</sup>

A game-winning home run by star pitcher Carlos Rodriguez helped push the Portland Sidekicks to a 2–1 win over the Los Angeles Stars this Friday. The win finally brought an end to the Sidekicks’ 10-game losing streak, which began in late May. Rodriguez’s home run was the high point of the game, earning him the title of Most Valuable Player of the game.

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## Victory for Local Hero

Local athlete Natalie Simpson won the Women’s International Wheelchair<sup>2</sup> Marathon<sup>3</sup> in Miami, Florida, this weekend. Simpson, who grew up in one of Miami’s poorest neighborhoods, is also the first American in history to take gold in the event. “I trained really hard for this one,” Simpson told reporters after crossing the finish line with a time of

1. a continued period of success or failure

2. a chair built on wheels for a person who is unable to walk

3. a race in which people run a distance of just over 42 kilometers

1 hour 55 minutes and 33 seconds. “It just goes to show that with hard work, anything is possible.”

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### England Beats Brazil, Advances to Final

20 Brazil committed<sup>4</sup> foul<sup>5</sup> after foul on Saturday against England in a semifinal match, which ended in a score of 1–0. In the end, it was a foul that finally cost Brazil the game, giving England a penalty kick and the match’s only goal. As a result, Brazil was eliminated,<sup>6</sup> while England advances to the  
25 championship<sup>7</sup> game.

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### O’Leary Upsets<sup>8</sup> Franklin, Captures Heavyweight Title

Boxing champion Bill “The Thrill”<sup>9</sup> Franklin landed more  
clean punches than his opponent,<sup>10</sup> “Big” Jim O’Leary, in  
30 Saturday night’s Heavyweight Championship fight. However, one punch was all that O’Leary needed to shut down Franklin and become the new Heavyweight Champion of the world. The knockout came in the 5th round of what was perhaps the most exciting fight—and biggest upset—in boxing history.

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4. to carry out or perform (a crime, illegal act, or error)

5. an unfair or illegal action in sports

6. to be removed from a competition or tournament


7. a contest to determine the overall winner or champion

8. to defeat unexpectedly

9. a sudden feeling of excitement or pleasure

10. someone who competes or fights against another in a game or contest

## Chang Banned<sup>11</sup> for Illegal Drug Use

When Australian cyclist Stephen Chang raced across the finish line last month to win the World Cycling Championship, he left the cycling world shocked. How  
40 could an unknown cyclist with zero top-10 finishes on his record beat the world's top cyclists in the biggest event of the year? The result of Chang's drug test may provide some answers, as his blood came back positive for three banned substances.  Although Chang claims he is  
45 completely **clean**, he has been banned from competition<sup>12</sup> until the matter has been investigated fully.

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## Rabinovich to Face Slater in World Final

Alexandra Rabinovich and Jill Slater are set to square  
50 off<sup>13</sup> in the World Tennis Final in London next Saturday. Rabinovich's recent win over England's Susan Lee came as a surprise, as many expected Lee to **make short work**  
**of** the Russian player. Rabinovich will take on #1 ranked Slater on Saturday, June 16, at 9:00 a.m. at Wembley  
55 Stadium.

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11. to stop a person (esp. legally) from competing or doing something; illegal or not allowed  
12. a contest in which people make an effort to win a prize  
13. prepare to fight or compete with each other

### 3 Post-reading

#### I. Reading Skill: Understanding Implicit Meaning of Newspaper Headlines

News headlines can be difficult to understand. Sometimes, this is simply because one does not know enough about the topic being presented. In many cases, however, the problem is that newspaper headlines seem to be written in a secret code with their own vocabulary and grammar. This is because newspaper headlines need to be short, so they often contain incomplete sentences.

In newspaper headlines:

- (1) Articles (the/a/an) and possessive pronouns (his/her/their) are often left out to save space.

**Ex.** Man Saves Son = A man has saved his son.

- (2) Verb tenses are often changed or simplified.

**Ex.** Villagers Hurt in Local Riot = Villagers were hurt in a local riot.

- (3) Related pieces of information that appear in the article are often excluded from the headline.

**Ex.** Typhoon Kills 20 = Typhoon Melda killed 20 people last Wednesday.

- (4) Specialized vocabulary is often used.

**Ex.** Hawks Upset Tigers 3–0 = Hawks beat Tigers 3–0.

Jenkins Lands Gold Medal = Jenkins wins gold medal.

#### Test Your Skills

Change the headlines below so that they form complete sentences that provide more detailed information about the article's content. Feel free to add additional information you think the headline should include.

1. England Beats Brazil, Advances to Final

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2. O'Leary Upsets Franklin, Captures Heavyweight Title

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Create headlines for the following events:

3. A man has won the lottery and given away his winnings.

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4. The Blues lost the opening game of the season.

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## II. Reading Comprehension:

- \_\_\_\_\_ ① For how long had the Portland Sidekicks been losing games before Friday?
- a. Half a year
  - b. Ten days
  - c. A few weeks
  - d. Several months
- \_\_\_\_\_ ② How might Natalie Simpson's victory be best described?
- a. Average
  - b. Fancy
  - c. Humorous
  - d. Impressive
- \_\_\_\_\_ ③ Jim O'Leary's victory over Bill Franklin is considered an "upset" because \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. he beat a champion in the sport, which was unexpected
  - b. it happened during the most exciting fight in boxing history
  - c. he weighed a lot more than his opponent
  - d. it happened in the 5th round
- \_\_\_\_\_ ④ According to the article, what is Chang's response to claims of illegal drug use?
- a. He removed himself from competition.
  - b. He feels that he has been tricked.
  - c. He admits that he was wrong.
  - d. He denies having taken illegal drugs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ⑤ Which of the following sports was NOT written about in "Sports News in Brief"?
- a. Baseball
  - b. Boxing
  - c. Basketball
  - d. Tennis



### III. Vocabulary: Fill in the correct missing word in the correct grammatical form.

streak  
championship

commit  
opponent

foul  
ban

eliminate  
thrill

wheelchair  
marathon

1. Dennis ran the \_\_\_\_\_ in less than three and a half hours.
2. It was such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the two tennis players compete against each other.
3. Mike had to \_\_\_\_\_ milk from his diet because of his allergy.
4. The man told the judge that he did not \_\_\_\_\_ any crimes.
5. Andy broke his leg in a car accident and had to be in a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for a month.
6. In many cities in the United States, smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ in public areas.
7. Tim was not afraid to compete in the boxing match, even though his \_\_\_\_\_ was bigger than him.
8. The basketball team is currently on a five-game winning \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Smith needs only one more point to win the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The referee blew his whistle to signal that the player had committed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Q Answers:

### I. Test Your Skills

1. England has beaten Brazil and will advance to the championship game of the tournament.
  2. Jim O'Leary has won the heavyweight title for boxing by defeating Bill Franklin.
  3. Man Wins Lottery, Gives Away Winnings
  4. Blues Lose First Game of Season / Blues Lose Season Opener
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### II. Reading Comprehension

1. c   2. d   3. a   4. d   5. c
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### III. Vocabulary

1. marathon
2. thrill
3. eliminate
4. commit
5. wheelchair
6. banned
7. opponent
8. streak
9. championship
10. foul