

Unit 3

Lessons 5 and 6

Student's Book pages 32 and 33



Before reading

**1 Who do you think Special Olympics events are for?
Discuss with a partner.**

Answers

Children with intellectual disabilities.

While reading

Special Olympics

In the early 1960s, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a university athlete from the USA, decided to give children with intellectual disabilities the chance to take part in sports. She felt that they were unfairly excluded from sporting events. So she held a one-day event for these children in her own garden. Eight years later, in 1968 CE, the first International Special Summer Olympic Games were held in the USA. A thousand people with intellectual

disabilities from the USA and Canada competed in different sports.

Today, Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organisation for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics World Games are held every two years, with more than 32 Olympic-style sports, including gymnastics, football and swimming.

El-Araby Houfeya is a Special Olympics athlete from Morocco. When he was very young, he was told that he had an intellectual disability. He accepted that he would never achieve the same success as his six siblings. He learnt how to read and write, and spent a lot of time playing football with other boys in the neighbourhood. Then, one day in 1992 CE, he took part in a football competition. Although he hadn't had any formal training, he impressed spectators with his skill. After the game, Princess Lalla Amina of Morocco, who supported Special Olympics in her country, asked to meet this talented boy. She told him about Special Olympics Morocco. El-Araby Houfeya joined the organisation and began to take part in their events. It was a moment that changed his life.

El-Araby Houfeya did horseriding and played football in Special Olympics competitions, and, through the organisation, began to travel to different countries. His confidence in himself grew, and he realised that perhaps his sporting talent wasn't the only talent he had. He began to look for employment, and eventually took a job

with a security company. This helped him to become more financially independent.

Today El-Araby Houfeya is a successful married man and a proud father. He has been promoted in his job, but he says he will always support Special Olympics.

The text talks about:

- **The idea of Special Olympics first came from.**
- **The reasons why El-Araby Houfeya had low expectations for his future.**
- **The event that changed El-Araby Houfeya's attitude and his life.**
- **The benefits for people with intellectual disabilities in joining Special Olympics.**

After reading

1-Fill in the table:

The name	Who he/she is	Nationality
-Eunice Kennedy Shriver	a university athlete from the USA, decided to give children with intellectual disabilities the chance to take part in sports.	Canadian

-El-Araby Houfeya	is a Special Olympics athlete from Morocco.	Moroccan
-Princess Lalla Amina	supported Special Olympics in her country, asked to meet El-Araby Houfeya.	Moroccan

2- Fill in the table:

The year	The event
Early 1960s	Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a university athlete from the USA, decided to give children with intellectual disabilities the chance to take part in sports.
1968 CE	the first International Special Summer Olympic Games were held in the USA.
1992 CE	El-Araby Houfeya took part in a football competition. Although he hadn't had any formal training, he impressed spectators with his skill.

3-How often are the Special Olympics World Games held?

The Special Olympics World Games are held every two years.

4-How many Olympic-style sports are included in the Special Olympics World Games? Give 2 examples.

more than 32 Olympic-style sports, including gymnastics, football and swimming.

5-What did Houfya learn? How did he spend his time?
He learnt how to read and write, and spent a lot of time playing football with other boys in the neighbourhood.

6- What was special about him?
Although he hadn't had any formal training, he impressed spectators with his skill.

7-***"It was a moment that changed his life"*** Explain this statement.

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8-What kind of sports did he do in the Special Olympics?
El-Araby Houfeya did horseriding and played football in Special Olympics competitions.

9-Quote the sentence which indicates that Houfeya's work has helped him.

This helped him to become more financially independent.

10-The writer mentioned that there are benefits of Houfya's participation in the Special Olympics. Write down 2 of them.

Today El-Araby Houfeya is a successful married man and a proud father. He has been promoted in his job.

11-What was El-Araby Houfeya's job?

He took a job with a security company.

12-Where did Eunice Kenedt hold a one-day event for these children

Eunice Kenedt held a one-day event for these children in her own garden.

Write the references of:

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HIS refers to El-Araby Houfeya

THIS refers to taking a job with a security company

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WHO refers to Princess Lalla Amina of Morocco

SHE Princess Lalla Amina of Morocco

THEIR refers to Special Olympics Morocco

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THEY refers to children with intellectual disabilities

HER refers to Eunice Kennedy Shriver