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A long time ago, there lived a feudal lord who loved seafood very much. Especially, his favorite dish was a grilled sea bream just with salt. Although there were tens of other delicious dishes, he got angry if there was no sea bream. But even though it was his favorite dish, he just tasted a little and left the sea bream.

One day, however, he ate all the face side of the sea bream and said to his retainer that sea bream was delicious. Then he asked a second portion. Now the retainers got surprised. The feudal lord always ate a little, so there was no second dish prepared. If they were going to cook from then, it would take long time. He mumbled. No one knew what to say and what to do. Then one of the smart retainers said to the lord that he would get it for his lord right away. He left to the corridor with the sea bream on the dish and he turned the sea bream upside down at once. Then he returned to the room and put the dish on the table of his lord. Here was your second dish, he said to his lord. The lord was much surprised how fast it was. The lord who did not know anything believed it was a new dish and he tasted a little bit. He said that it was good and tasted better than before, and he smiled.

All athletes aspire to be the best in their sport, and young athletes are no different. More young athletes now aim to win competitions, set records, or perform amazing feats. Some achieve that goal like a girl sailor.

As a child, the girl sailor loved the sea. She was born on a boat and has hardly stepped off one since. She first sailed by herself at age six, displaying a talent for understanding her boat and having the confidence to control it. At the age of thirteen, she felt ready for the biggest challenge of all. She wanted to set the record for the youngest person ever to sail around the world alone.

Before she could make it, she had to face many challenges. While her

parents were confident that she could do it, the government tried to stop 2,012  
 her, arguing that she was too young to risk her life. Many people also 2,084  
 felt that she should be focusing on her studies. After a long argument, 2,157  
 she finally got permission. She had to go for classes to learn how to care 2,233  
 for herself while alone at sea and to use a bigger boat than she was used 2,307  
 to. To avoid falling behind in her studies, she had to sign up with a 2,378  
 special distance learning school and promise to do her homework at sea. 2,452  
 Finally, at the age of fifteen, she was ready. On January twentieth, 2,523  
 two thousand eleven, she set out from an island in the Caribbean on her 2,595  
 eleven-meter sailboat. Her trip lasted five hundred days in total, partly 2,670  
 because she had to stop at different ports for studying and checking her 2,743  
 boat. During this time, she visited some exotic islands, and she also 2,814  
 found time to go surfing, scuba diving, and cliff diving. She even 2,882  
 discovered a new hobby, playing the flute. She was alone for most of her 2,956  
 journey, but kept a blog that was read by many people around the world. 3,030  
 She returned to the starting port at the age of sixteen years and one 3,101  
 hundred twenty-three days. She was greeted by her family, friends, many 3,174  
 fans and the media. She became the youngest sailor to circle the globe 3,246  
 alone. Guinness and the other council, however, did not verify her claim, 3,321  
 saying they no longer recognize any records for youngest sailors because it 3,397  
 could encourage other young people to do dangerous things. Despite this, 3,471  
 she felt a sense of achievement. She said that spending so much time alone 3,547  
 on her trip helped her to focus on the important things in her life. She 3,621  
 said she became good friends with her boat and learned about herself. 3,693  
 Here is another girl, one of the brightest stars of the golfing world, 3,765  
 not to mention a superstar in her country, where she grew up. By the age 3,839  
 of twenty-two, she had achieved things most golfers can only dream of. She 3,915  
 was the youngest professional golfer, male or female, to win five major 3,987  
 tournaments. She started playing golf when she was very young, thanks to 4,061

her enthusiastic parents who are both golfers. Her father gave her a set 4,135  
of golf clubs when she was only five years old. At thirteen, she told him 4,210  
she wanted to take up golf as an occupation. Just one year later, she won 4,285  
the world golf junior championship and went on to become the top amateur 4,358  
player in her country. She finally started playing in professional 4,426  
tournaments when she was eighteen years old, and then her career really 4,498  
took off. 4,510

The girl, who came second behind her at the British Open for women in 4,581  
two thousand eleven, calls her unbelievable. She says she is so mentally 4,655  
strong, aggressive and confident. She has just got it all. It is pretty 4,729  
cool to watch. 4,746

She was not always so confident, especially off the golf course. When 4,818  
she first left her home to start playing in international tournaments, she 4,893  
did not speak English very well. She struggled to communicate with other 4,967  
golfers and had to use an interpreter for interviews. Because she was shy 5,042  
about her English, she had a reputation as a very quiet person. Her coach 5,117  
said that studying English helped her change this. She worked so hard to 5,191  
improve her English. Now her confidence is a nine on a scale of ten. 5,263

Today she is famous for her big smile and sense of humor. She loves 5,333  
to chat and joke with reporters, fans, and other golfers. Once, before a 5,407  
tournament near her home, she invited a number of golfers and golf 5,474  
reporters to her place for a dinner party. Halfway through the party, she 5,549  
decided to dress up as Harry Potter, and she even gave a speech wearing her 5,625  
black coat and round spectacles. 5,660

As a teenager, she looked up to adult golfers and saw them as her role 5,732  
models. Today she hopes to inspire young girls to take up golf, the same 5,806  
way adult golfers influenced a whole generation of women golfers. She is 5,880  
also an inspiration to people trying to pick up English. Her advice to 5,952  
English learners is to keep talking. 5,988