

# A Love of Tennis



Abigail was a young girl who had a love of playing tennis. She spent hours practicing her backhand and perfecting her serve. She practiced hard every day and her parents were always there to cheer her on. Abigail dreamed of one day becoming a tennis champion. Abigail's hard work paid off and she soon became a champion. People from all over the world came to watch her play. Every time she stepped onto the court, she felt at home. She was confident in her abilities and knew that she could win every match. Abigail's opponents were always impressed by her skill. She could hit the ball so hard and always seemed to be one step ahead of them. Every time she won a point, the crowd would cheer and she would wave to them in thanks. As the years went by, Abigail's skill only grew. She won match after match and her fans grew more and more. She was soon known as the best female tennis player in the world. Abigail's success wasn't just about winning matches. She also used her platform to help others. She held charity events and donated money to those in need. One day, Abigail was presented with a special honor. She was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame. The trophy was heavy, but Abigail proudly held it above her head. Abigail was now an official tennis champion. She had worked hard to get where she was and she was happy to share her success with those around her. At the end of her career, Abigail was still playing tennis. She was a role model for young athletes and she was a great example of what hard work and dedication can do. Abigail's legacy will live on forever. She will always be remembered as a tennis champion.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **Who cheered Abigail on when she practiced?**
  - a. her friends
  - b. her mom
  - c. her parents
  
2. **Abigail was \_\_\_\_\_ about her abilities.**
  - a. worried
  - b. confident
  - c. anxious
  
3. **Abigail soon was known as:**
  - a. the best player in North America
  - b. the best player in the world
  - c. the best player in the United States
  
4. **Abigail held \_\_\_\_\_ to donate to those in need.**
  - a. tennis matches for money
  - b. fundraisers
  - c. charity events
  
5. **Abigail was remembered as the:**
  - a. the tennis champion
  - b. the girl who worked hard
  - c. the Olympic champion

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think Abigail became so good at tennis?
  2. How are you similar and different from Abigail?
  3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
  4. What images go through your mind as read the A Love for Tennis?
- Could this poem be true? Explain
  - Why would Abigail want to help donate to those in need?
  - List 5 adjectives that would describe Abigail.
  - What do you know about Tennis?
  - What 3 questions could you ask Abigail?
  - Is there a lesson or moral that can be learned from this reading passage?
  - What passion or hobby do you have? Explain why you enjoy it.