

# UNIT 10

## Pre-task

### Some historical facts about the game of boxing :

Boxing is one of the oldest games. It is believed that informally it is as old as the human race itself. Here is some information about the game :

- Earlier evidence – played in North Africa (Egypt in particular) in 4000 B.C.
- Also popular in Greece and Rome
- Introduced to the Ancient Olympic Games by the Greeks in the late 7th Century B.C.
- Jack Boughtonis, ‘the father of boxing’, established a set of rules in 1743
- The modern rules were set by the Marquess of Queensberry, in 1866. He made gloves compulsory and introduced 3 minutes rounds for the game
- In 1904 men’s boxing was included in the Modern Olympic Games at St. Louis
- Women’s boxing was introduced in 2012 in London Olympic Games

### Important international championships :

- (1) Olympic Games
- (2) Asian Games
- (3) Commonwealth Games
- (4) World Series of Boxing
- (5) World Amateur Boxing Championship
- (6) AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship
- (7) Middleweight World Championship Series
- (8) Basic punches of modern boxing games : (1) Jab (2) Cross (3) Hook (4) Uppercut

### World famous boxers :

- (1) Men : Muhammad Ali (U.S.A.), Sugar Ray Leonard (U.S.A.), Rubin Carter (U.S.A.).
- (2) Women : Mary Kom (India), Regina Halmich (Germany), Laila Ali (U.S.A.).

### Exercise :

**Now complete the paragraph about the history of the game of ‘boxing’ using the information given above:**

Boxing as a game started before \_\_\_\_\_ years in \_\_\_\_\_. In the late 7th century it got a place in \_\_\_\_\_. Jack Boughtonis is remembered in boxing as \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. Later amendment in the rules was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Marquess of \_\_\_\_\_. After the implementation of the Marquess’ rules, it became necessary to wear \_\_\_\_\_. He divided the game into time-restricted \_\_\_\_\_. The year 1904 is important in the history of the game because of \_\_\_\_\_. Whereas the Women’s boxing was played for the first time in the Olympic Games in \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. There are \_\_\_\_\_ basic punches widely used in the present-day boxing matches. Their names are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_. There are many popular champions of the game, but the all-time popular international players from the men’s group are \_\_\_\_\_ and the women’s group are \_\_\_\_\_.

**MAGNIFICENT MARY**

Mary Kom is a leading woman boxer of India. She is one of the pioneers of women's boxing in India. As a sports person she has achieved a huge success.

Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom was born on 1st March 1983 in a small village of Kangathei in the northeastern state of Manipur. As a child, Mary, along with her two younger sisters and a brother, worked in paddy fields, did household works, and went to school. She was not very good at studies, but she could run fast, she could also throw a javelin to a considerable long distance. And above all she could punch hard.

In 1998 Dingko Singh, a boxer of Mary's state, came back with a gold medal from the Asian Games in Bangkok. His warm welcome and grand felicitations in the state of Manipur impressed the teenager athlete Mary. As a result she firmly decided to become a boxer.

She rushed at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Imphal to meet Narjit Singh, who coached male boxers. Initially he denied to train Mary because of her short and fragile physical structure. When he came out of the Centre at late evening, Mary was still standing there, weeping. This type of eagerness and dedication of Mary towards the game changed Narjit Singh's mind. He agreed to train her. Then she never looked back, and toiled hard to achieve various national and international awards.

Her career as a boxer started in the year 2000 with a victory in the Manipur State Women's Boxing Championship. Till then she never informed her parents about her training as a boxer. Her father saw her photograph in the local newspaper when she won the state championship. He seriously scolded her and instructed her to discontinue her boxing. Because he believed that it would be difficult for him to find a match for her.



Mary Kom

With great difficulty, she managed to convince her father to continue her game. She explained the difference between amateur and professional boxing. She told him about the rules and regulations in amateur boxing, and if there is an injury, the referee stops the play. By then her family gave her full support to go ahead in the career.

Being a woman, she had to struggle a lot. For her it was a constant battle to overcome prejudice and challenges outside the ring as much as inside it against her opponents. She openly accepted that when she started, she had no encouragement and no support. It was very hard because she came from a poor family, and she had to face hardships for the first 4-5 years. She recalled those days when she never had money to buy a proper kit or good shoes and she used to travel long distances by bus or train.

The prime reason, for Mary, to take up boxing as a career, was to lead her farming-dependent family towards a better livelihood. The other strong reason was to prove those people wrong who made very

discouraging remarks on her. Boxing was not considered respectable for women and nobody believed that Mary could be a boxing champion. Her neighbours and relatives made all kinds of things about Mary. But she was firm that she could not stop people from talking but she would prove them wrong with her success.

Gradually her hard work brought her brilliant success at the national level and the international level as well. She became world champion not once, but five times in a row. She also secured bronze medals in Asian Games (2010, Guangzhou-China) and Olympics (2012, London-United Kingdom); and a gold medal in Asian Games (2014, Incheon-South Korea).

In recognition her huge success, the Government of India conferred on her Arjuna Award (2003), Padma Shree (2006), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (2009), and Padma Bhushan (2013).

Her greatest achievement though, has been the fact that much of her success has come after the Caesarean birth of her twins. She frankly accepted, "It was difficult to come back because I had been out of the ring for two years. It was hard to regain my physical fitness. No one expected me to win. Even my parents didn't think it would be possible." She gave credit to her husband for that come-back, "My husband (K. Onler Kom) didn't stop me. Most Indian men don't give permission to their wives to work after marriage or after having kids. But my husband told me I should continue to play for as many years as I wanted."

As a pioneer of women's boxing in India, Mary is already an inspiration for many others who hope to follow in her footsteps. Her autobiography Unbreakable (2013) and the biopic Mary Kom (2014) are the sources of hope for those who are struggling hard to progress in life.

'Magnificent Mary', as she is known, is determined to overcome any obstacles that come in her way even today. For her achievements and future scope she says, "I am very proud because I have done something special for India. And if I can achieve more in the future that will be great. I am working hard and getting training with full focus. Of course I miss my family and my children. I miss them very much. But this is sacrifice I have to make for my country and I will do my level best."

## Glossary

**magnificent** excellent **pioneer** beginner **paddy fields** rice-fields **javelin** light spear **punch** a blow with the fist **felicitation** an act of acknowledging an achiever **fragile** delicate, which breaks easily **toil** laborious work **various** of several kinds **convince** make (someone) agree or realize **amateur** an athlete who does not play for money **professional** an athlete who plays to earn money from the game **prejudice** partiality towards an issue or person **ring** a platform on which boxing contestants box (play), boxing playground **hardship** difficult circumstance **livelihood** means of earning **recognition** acceptance of someone as genuine or valid, identity **conferred on** to give honour/ gift to someone **Caesarean birth** child birth through surgery **regain** obtain again **footsteps** path **autobiography** life-story of a person written by him/herself **biopic** movie on a person's life **overcome** to win over **obstacle** hurdle

## Comprehension 1

### C.1.1 Answer these questions :

1. Why should we salute Mary?
2. At what age did Mary firmly think of a career in boxing?
3. Which challenges did Mary face outside the ring?
4. The tenth paragraph starts with the word 'gradually', is it rightly used? Explain.
5. List out the weak-points and strong-points of Mary, when she was a child.

### C.1.2 Find the events that occurred in the following years and note them down in the given blanks :

1. 1983 : \_\_\_\_\_
2. 1998 : \_\_\_\_\_
3. 2000 : \_\_\_\_\_
4. 2012 : \_\_\_\_\_
5. 2013 : \_\_\_\_\_

### C.1.3 Write three names/words from the text against these categories :

1. Men who were motivational for Mary : 1, \_\_\_\_\_ 2, \_\_\_\_\_ 3, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Awards the Government of India conferred on her : 1, \_\_\_\_\_ 2, \_\_\_\_\_ 3, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Asian Games : 1, \_\_\_\_\_ 2, \_\_\_\_\_ 3, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Words used to describe the qualities of Mary : 1, \_\_\_\_\_ 2, \_\_\_\_\_ 3, \_\_\_\_\_.

### C.1.4 Select the correct option :

- (1) What is the status of Mary Kom as a woman boxer in India?  
(a) A young woman boxer      (b) A powerless woman boxer  
(c) A leading woman boxer      (d) An ordinary woman boxer
- (2) At first, why was Mary Kom denied training by the coach?  
(a) because of her amicable nature      (b) because of her poor financial background  
(c) because of her father's disapproval      (d) because of her short and fragile physical structure
- (3) How did Mary's father come to know about her participation in the game of boxing?  
(a) He saw her photograph in a newspaper.      (b) His friend informed him.  
(c) Mary asked him to give permission.      (d) Mary's coach called him.
- (4) Which of the following was not a challenge for Mary?  
(a) Poor financial condition  
(b) Constant ill-health  
(c) Boxing was not considered a respectable game for women  
(d) To lead her farming dependent family towards a better livelihood

- (5) According to the text, what is the greatest achievement of Mary?
- The civilian award Padma Bhushan
  - The world championships (five times in a row)
  - Her success in various competitions even after giving birth to her two sons
  - The bronze medal in Olympics at London
- (6) To leave her family quite often is \_\_\_\_\_ for Mary.
- a routine incident
  - a rare event
  - a favourite phenomenon
  - a sacrifice for her country

**C 1.5 Arrange these word groups to make meaningful sentences :( Pair work, class work)**

No	A	B	C
1	In her childhood	Mary had not	boxing as a career.
2	Till the year 2000	Mary struggled hard	capacity to punch hard.
3	In the beginning of her career	Mary took up	her parents about the training in boxing.
4	With a view to helping her family	Mary had	enough money to buy a proper kit.
5	After giving birth to her twin-sons	Mary did not inform	for regaining her physical fitness.

**C 1.6 Answer these questions :**

- Who is Mary Kom? What is she famous for?
- Where did Mary get training?
- Which reasons led Mary to choose boxing as her career?

**C 1.7 Discuss these situations (You can use your mother tongue to express your ideas) :**

- Have you watched WWE programmes on TV channel? What feelings do you have while watching?
- What does your father not know about you till now?
- What are your strength and weaknesses as a student?
- Recall 2 or 3 encouraging remarks used for you by your relatives or neighbours.
- Do you know your challenges? How would you win over them?

**Read 2**

**INDIA'S SHOOTING SENSATION : LAJJA GOSWAMI**

At the far end of village Jitodia in Anand district there is an ancient Shiv temple named Baijyanath Mahadev. The caretaker of the temple, Tilak Giri Goswami, lives in the adjoining small house with his family. There are only four members in the family, Tilak Giri, his wife, a daughter and a son. Village Jitodia is just 6 km away from

‘the milk capital of India’ - Anand. Residents of Jitodia are very happy because of Tilak Giri’s daughter Lajja has given their village a permanent place on the global map.

Lajja Goswami is India’s shooting sensation. She has made the nation proud with her superlative performances in several national and international competitions. She was born on September 28, 1988 in



a middleclass family. Since her childhood she was interested in rifles and guns. In an interview, Tilak Giri told media that while other children were playing with dolls and toys, Lajja played with guns in her childhood. Her talent in shooting became focused when she got enrolled to the N.C.C. as a cadet. To sharpen the edge of her performances she took coaching from Indian shooting coach Sunny Thomas in Pune.

### This Gujarati girl has targeted successfully at these medals :

Year	Medal	Event	Game	Place
2010	Silver	50 meter Rifle 3 Positions (pair event)	Commonwealth Games	New Delhi, India
2012	Gold	50 meter Rifle 3 Positions (individual event)	XI Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters Shooting Competition	New Delhi, India
2013	Silver	50 meter Rifle 3 Positions (individual event)	ISSF World Cup	Granada, Spain
2014	Bronze	50 meter Rifle 3 Positions (individual event)	Commonwealth Games	Glasgow, Scotland
2015	Gold	50 meter Rifle Prone (individual event)	International Shooting Competition	Hannover, Germany

For her outstanding performances the Government of India has conferred on her the Raksha Mantri Medal. She has also been selected as a brand ambassador of Gujarat State. Add to that, Lajja Goswami became the first sports woman to be appointed as a police inspector in the Gujarat Police Cadre in the sports quota.

### Glossary

**sensation** someone who has a dazzling skill in a particular field **ancient** very old **caretaker** a person who looks after a building (here temple) **adjoining** next to something **residents** someone who lives at **cadet** young trainee in the armed forces or police **edge** blade, sharpened side **rifle 3 positions** shooting competition in which the player has to shoot at the target with three different positions (prone, kneeling, and standing) **prone** shoot at the target lying on the ground **outstanding** exceptionally good **brand ambassador** a promoter of a specific brand **cadre** a small unit serving as a part of something **quota** fixed share

## Comprehension 2

### C 2.1 Answer these questions :

1. How was Lajja different from other children?
2. How did Lajja make our country famous?
3. Which organization helped Lajja to take up her career in shooting?

### C 2.2 Mark T (true) or F (false) :

1. Tilak Giri, Lajja's father, looks after a Ram temple.
2. People of Jitodia are happy with Lajja.
3. As a child, Lajja loved to play with dolls.
4. Lajja took part in N.S.S. activities.
5. Lajja got the Raksha Mantri Medal.


### C 3.3 Select the words to complete the sentence correct. (Pair task, class work)

1. Lajja's family lives near a new/an old Shiv temple.
2. Jitodia is a known place only in India/even outside India.
3. Tilak Giri is happy with the performances of his sister/daughter.
4. Lajja took guidance/coaching from Sunny Thomas.

### C 2.4 Select the correct option :

1. Lajja Goswami is a \_\_\_\_\_ shooter.  
(a) skilled                      (b) careless                      (c) smart                      (d) edgeless
2. As a child Lajja loved \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) dolls and toys                      (b) guns                      (c) computer games                      (d) puzzles
3. Lajja's shooting interest became focused through \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) N.S.S.                      (b) Scout Guide                      (c) N.C.C.                      (d) I.S.S.F.
4. As per the text, Lajja won medals twice in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) International Shooting Competition                      (b) I.S.S.F. World Cup  
(c) Asian Games                      (d) Commonwealth Games

### C 2.5 Answer these questions in one or two words :

1. What is the name of the Shiv temple?
2. Which is the game Lajja participate in?
3. Where did Lajja get advanced coaching?
4. Which medal did Lajja win in the World Cup?
5. For which quota did Lajja get appointed in the Gujarat Police Cadre?

### C 2.6 Discuss these situations (You can use your mother tongue to express your ideas)

1. Have you ever tried your hand on rifle shooting? What was your feeling then?
2. Do you like shooting as a game? Why?
3. Talk about any organization which helped you to develop your personality better.

## CONFESSIONS OF A BORN SPECTATOR

- Ogdan Nash

With all my heart do I admire  
 Athletes who sweat for fun or hire,  
 Who take the field in gaudy pomp.  
 And maim each other as they romp.  
 My limp and bashful spirit feeds  
 On other people's heroic deeds.

Now A runs ninety yards to score,  
 B knocks the champion to the floor.  
 Crisking vertebrae and spine,  
 Lashes his steed across the line.  
 You'd think my ego it would please  
 To swap positions with one of these.

Well, ego might be pleased enough,  
 But zealous athletes play so rough,  
 They do not ever, in their dealings  
 Consider one another's feelings.  
 I'm glad that when my struggle begins  
 Twixt prudence and ego, prudence wins.

Athletes, I'll drink to you or eat with you.  
 Or anything except compete with you.  
 Buy tickets worth your radium.  
 To watch you gamble in a stadium  
 And reassure myself anew  
 That you're not me and I'm not you. (Abridged)

## Glossary

**confession** disclose one's weakness or fault **spectator** viewer, onlooker **sweat** perspire, work hard  
**gaudy pomp** showy costumes / outfit **maim** cause an injury **romp** to get easy victory **limp and bashful**  
**spirit** weak and shy spirit **heroic deeds** acts of bravery **vertebrae** small bones of the backbone **spine**  
 the backbone **lashes** whips **stead** a large strong horse **swap** exchange **zealous** enthusiastic **dealings**  
 behaviour **twixt** between **prudence** wisdom **a new** once again



### Comprehension 3

#### C.3.1 Answer these questions :

1. State whether the poet is a player or not?
2. Is the poet ready to spend any amount of money to applause his player-friends?
3. List out the things the poet is ready to do with the players, and the things he does not like to do.
4. Why does the poet call himself 'a born spectator'?
5. Which parts of a human body are mentioned in the poem?

#### C.3.2 Write 3 to 5 sentences about :

1. The poet's attitude towards the players
2. The advantages the players enjoy
3. The physical injuries the players might face

#### C.3.3 Here are the paraphrase versions of some lines of the poem, but they express the opposite meaning. Working with your partner, first of all, write them in true sense, then find the actual lines they reflect in the poem.

1. I deeply hate the players who struggle hard for money or want to be funny.
2. Mr. X beats his donkey to reach at the line, in this action there is always a possibility of his backbone injury.
3. When players play against each other, they become indifferent to each other.
4. I am ready to drink or eat with you, but I won't support you.
5. I doubt myself now, whether I am you or you are me.

#### C.3.4 Select the correct option :

1. The poet says that he enjoys \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) athletes' heroic deeds (b) athletes' rough play  
(c) his competition with players (d) champion's knocking to the floor
2. Which of the following game is not mentioned in the poem? \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Horse riding (b) Weight lifting  
(c) Running (d) Wrestling
3. The poet is ready to do anything except \_\_\_\_\_ with the athletes.  
(a) eat or drink (b) buy tickets  
(c) compete (d) watch the match
4. At the end of the poem, the poet accepts that \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) he is pleased with the athletes (b) his ego wins over his prudence  
(c) he is glad to fight in a stadium (d) he is not like an athlete and the athletes are not like him

#### C.3.5 Discuss these situations orally : (You can use your mother tongue to express your ideas)

1. What do you want to be, a good player or a good spectator?
2. Did you find yourself perplexed anytime in your life? What was your stand at last?
3. Are you frank to admit your weaknesses openly?

## Vocabulary

### V.1 Replace the underlined words with the words closest to the meanings given in the box :

regain, fragile, toil, recognize, overcome

Many years ago, I met a young weak girl in a primary school. She wanted to become a weightlifter. After some time, I went to see a weightlifting competition where I met a successful female player of weightlifting. I could not identify her because she became a muscular lady then. She had done hard work to get that body. I asked her with surprise, "How could you win over your thin and weak body?" She answered with a smile, "I could do it by exercises and food-programme, but now it is not possible to get back that softness in my body."

### V.2 I am a word. But who am I? Read my description and find me out from the lesson.

1. I am a person, who has started something successfully. People follow me on that path to get success in the field. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am a sports person. It is a part of my game to fight with the opponent with my fists. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I become helpful to learn the lessons but I am not a teacher. I just instruct the learner to sharpen her/his skills in the field. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I am a player. I play to earn money from the game. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am a platform. I am not round-shaped, yet I am popularly known as circular object. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I am a written life story of a person. In this story, the story-teller is also the story-writer. I am an \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I am also a life story of a person. But I display the story on a screen. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.

### V.3 Tick the nearest meaning.

1. javelin : ☐ sword ☐ spear ☐ hammer ☐ stick
2. initially : ☐ finally ☐ permanently ☐ of the beginning ☐ of the ending
3. dedication : ☐ refuse ☐ devoted to someone or something ☐ based on reasoning  
☐ offer something
4. scolding : ☐ rebuke ☐ to show unhappiness ☐ reject ☐ to give honour
5. opponent : ☐ a player of the different side ☐ enemy ☐ classmate ☐ co-worker

### V.4 Frame a sentence using the words given in the group.

1. terrorist – innocent people
2. Lal Bahadur Shastri – hardship – study at Varanasi
3. You – overcome – obstacle – a successful person
4. my friend – convince – school picnic
5. in market – various – mobile phones

**V.5 Fill in the blanks using the words in the brackets.**

[media, sensation, quota, outstanding, brand ambassador]

Shahid is a dancing \_\_\_\_\_ of our school. He has given many \_\_\_\_\_ dance performances in various dance competitions and cultural programmes. For his superb dances he has been highlighted in \_\_\_\_\_ too. Due to his dancing skills, our principal has appointed him a \_\_\_\_\_ of our school to promote our school in our town. He has also been selected in the district youth committee from the cultural \_\_\_\_\_.

**V.6 In each of the following sentences, there is one word which does not fit in. Select the right word from the brackets and put it at a proper place to make the sentence meaningful. Underline both the words.**

**Example :**

- The performer of the garden is a sincere lady. (caretaker, photographer)
- 1. Our teacher won the Governor Award. We are very happy of him. (jealous, proud)
- 2. The library is combining to the municipality office. (adjoining, admiring)
- 3. Cheteshwar has been included in the national team due to his clever performances in the Ranji Trophy Tournament. (brilliant, bright)
- 4. To make the edge of his performances normal, he practiced a lot. (useful, sharper)
- 5. There is an age-old modern monument in Champaner. (memorable, ancient)

**V.7 Add one suitable word to each series of the words given below.**

admire, anew, athlete, gaudy pomp, glad, rough, stadium, steed, struggle, swap

1. appreciate, respect, approve, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. gymnast, player, sportsperson, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. horse, mare, domestic quadruped with mane and tail, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. decorated cloths, track suit, field garments, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. exchange, interchange, barter, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. fight, contest, battle, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. sports ground, open-air structure, sports premise, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. again, repeatedly, reoccur, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. unpolished, severe, coarse, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. happy, delighted, pleased, \_\_\_\_\_.

**V.8. Remove the bold words from the passage and replace them with their synonyms given in the box.**

anew, quota, outstanding, media, professional, magnificent, zealous, amateur,  
toiled, fragile, spectators, sweat

## Zonal Athletics Meet

Last year, there was a **grand** sports meet organized in our school. The players from five neighbouring districts participated in the **excellent** event. Most of the participants were **the players playing without any financial gain**, whereas some referees and officials were **the players who earned from the games**. All the students of our school were very **enthusiastic** for the event. There was a **fixed share** for the **viewers** inside the stadium, so we had registered for our entry tickets. We watched many matches in which the players **did hard work** to win the game. Their bodies were full of **perspiration**. At the time of the result, some players were happy and some were sad. For the news coverage, the representatives of the **news providers** were there. They were taking photographs of the **delicate** moments of the game. If they were not satisfied with the snap, they took it **once again**.

### V.9 On the model of the above passage, write a passage, in your own words, in which you have to use the words :

[ ancient, confession, various, hardship, regain, autobiography, obstacle, superlative, edge, dealings, prudence, brand ambassador, overcome ]

#### Function

Here are some funny incidents. Read and enjoy :

#### A Renewed Contract

Our neighbour's son Jiten loves playing football. He would rather play football than do his study seriously. Last year his marks were so poor at the end of the school year that he had to stay behind. This is how he put it to his parents : "My contract with the present school class has been renewed for another year."

#### Guide's Recommendation

Mr. Jones was very fond of climbing mountains, once he went to Switzerland for his holidays. After he had climbed some easy mountains, he decided to climb a more difficult one; but did not want to go up it alone; he hired a good Swiss guide, who had often climbed that mountain.

At first it was not a difficult climb, but then they came to a place which was not so easy. The guide stopped, turned round and warned Mr. Jones, "Be careful here," he said. "This is such a dangerous place. You can easily fall, and if you do, you will fall straight down so quick and deep." "But," he continued calmly, "if you fall from here, don't forget to look to the right while you are going down. There is such a beautiful view there – much more beautiful than the one you can see from here!"

Enjoyed?

Fun apart, now read them again with a focus on the underlined word-groups. They start with SO and SUCH. They are adjective-clauses. They are used to say something about people/places in relation to something/someone.

SO and SUCH generally stand for 'very' or 'to this degree'

So is used before an adjective (without a noun after it) :

- so large
- so attractive

Such is followed by 'a' or 'an', + an adjective + a singular noun :

- such a large house
- such an attractive flower

Such is used without 'a' or 'an' before plural nouns, mass nouns (crowd, furniture...) and abstract nouns (love, kindness, courage...)

- such players
- such (wonderful) crowd
- such kindness

So ... that ... and such ... that ... are used to describe reasons and results.

- The match was so boring that we left the stadium before it was over.
- It was such a boring match that we had to left the stadium before it was over.

**F.1 Compare these full sentences with the sentences in the blank in the opposite row. Now fill in the blanks to make it a meaningful sentence :**

	Full Sentences	Sentences with Blanks
1	(A) This movie is so interesting that we rarely find one like this.	(A) This long spelling is <u>so difficulty</u> that we cannot remember it.
1	(B) This is such an interesting movie that we do not easily find one like this.	(B) This is _____ that it is _____.
1	(C) Such interesting movies are hard to find.	(C) _____ are difficult _____.
2	(A) They were surprised to see that the crowd was so big.	(A) As a kid he was _____ smart that everybody appreciated him.
2	(B) They were surprised to see that there was such a big crowd.	(B) He was _____ smart kid that he had got appreciation from everywhere.
2	(C) Such big crowds can be found rarely	(C) _____ smart kids get appreciation from everywhere.
3	(A) The puzzle was so complicated that we cannot solve it easily.	(A) Cricket is _____ that it catches many viewers.
3	(B) It was such a complicated puzzle that we hardly solve it.	(B) Cricket is _____ popular game in India that _____.
3	(C) Such complicated puzzles are hard to solve.	(C) _____ popular games like cricket can bring _____ to stadium.
4	(A) This hill-station is so nice that we do not find one like this.	(A) The lion is _____ royal that very few _____ animals behave like it.
4	(B) It was such a nice hill-station that it is hard to find one like this.	(B) The lion is _____ animal that _____ hard _____.
4	(C) Such nice hill-stations are not found here and there.	(C) _____ sober behaving animals like _____ are rarely _____ in the forest.

**F.2 Find out incorrect parts, correct them and rewrite the passage again :**

Shooting is so difficult a game that requires a high level of concentration. There are only a few games such difficult to master. Such challenging games attract a small number of players. There are such many factors that disturb the players' concentration. The players have to be so alert that a small mistake can detract them.

**F.3 Fill in the blanks with 'so' or 'such' or 'such a/an'.**

1. Mary Kom has achieved \_\_\_\_\_ success that whole India can take pride for it.
2. The story was \_\_\_\_\_ fascinating that the children didn't make a sound.
3. I'm glad you all had \_\_\_\_\_ good time at the picnic.
4. The sweater was \_\_\_\_\_ big that it touched her knees.
5. It was \_\_\_\_\_ lovely day that they decided to go swimming.
6. He was \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent boy that he was put into the advanced level.
7. He ran into \_\_\_\_\_ heavy rain that he could hardly see the road.
8. They had never seen \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the beach.
9. The contestants didn't think they would have to face \_\_\_\_\_ difficulty.
10. Wow! You are \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent!

**F.4 Complete the dialogue with 'so' or 'such' or 'such a/an'.**

**Lajja :** Hello Mary.

**Mary :** Hi Lajja. It is nice to see you.

**Lajja :** Thanks. I saw your match live on TV. You played \_\_\_\_\_ well.

**Mary :** OK. It was \_\_\_\_\_ difficult match to play; my whole body was shivering due to winter.

**Lajja :** Oh! But you hit \_\_\_\_\_ heavy punches to your opponent that she surrendered quickly. Now, tell me something about London.

**Mary :** Yes. It is \_\_\_\_\_ huge and \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful. I was amazed to see it.

**Lajja :** Most players never discuss \_\_\_\_\_ topics when they meet. But I think it is important to talk about the city too.

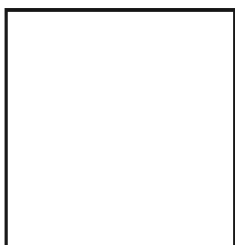
**Mary :** Certainly. All the best, Lajja.

**Lajja :** Thank you Mary. See you later.

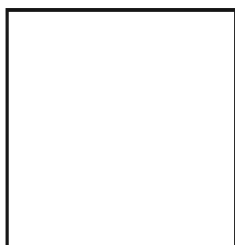
- At 188 decibels, the whistle of the blue whale is the loudest sound produced by any animal.
- Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!
- Of all the words in the English language, the word 'set' has the most definitions!
- The sun is 330,330 times larger than the earth!
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue!

## Writing

**W.1** Cut out from a newspaper/magazine or download a photograph of your favourite sportsperson, entrepreneur/technocrat and freedom fighter. Paste them in appropriate box and write a paragraph of 150 words about him/her.



Sportsperson



Entrepreneur/technocrat



Freedom fighter

**W.2** Your school is planning to organise a rally on Environment Day. Prepare sign boards and placards for the rally.

**W.3** Write a letter of appreciation to the Chief Officer/Commissioner of your city regarding regular cleanliness, maintenance of roads and street lights etc. of your ward/area.

## Activity

**A.1** Join A, B and C.

A	B	C
John Milton	was completely blind	He wrote the great epic 'PARADISE LOST'.
Stephen Hawking	motor neuron disease	He is a British <u>theoretical physicist</u> , <u>cosmologist</u> , author and Director of Research at the <u>Centre for Theoretical Cosmology</u> within the <u>University of Cambridge</u> .
Nicholas James "Nick"	born with the absence of all four limbs	He is a <u>motivational speaker</u> .
Helen Keller	was both deaf and blind	She was an American author, <u>political activist</u> , and <u>lecturer</u> .
Sudha Chandran	lost one of her legs after a car accident	She is one of the most well-known dancers and TV actresses in India.

**A.2** Now frame sentences as this one :

**Example :** John Milton was completely blind. He wrote the great epic 'PARADISE LOST'.

- There are many people in the world who despite disability achieved a great height. Prepare a presentation/ scrap book and present it in the classroom.
- What do the differently abled people face in their routine life?
- Tie a hand kerchief on your eyes and reach the principal's office.
- How will the students with disability in legs use washroom?