

From High School Track to Olympic Glory

Skills:

Can find and understand relevant information in everyday material.

Adults

Group



- 1** Look at the picture. Do you know this couple and their story?
Brainstorm in small groups and then share your ideas with the rest of the class:

What are the challenges of maintaining a relationship when both partners are athletes, actors, or musicians with busy schedules?

- 2** Read the text about Tara Davis and Hunter Woodhall and choose the correct answer to each question below.

Tara Davis and Hunter Woodhall shined at the 2024 Paris Olympics, but their love story began simply when they met at a high school track meet in 2017.

From meeting to handling a long-distance relationship during college, Davis and Woodhall have faced many challenges in sports. Through talking often, trust, and respect, they stayed together, got married in 2022, and competed again at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Davis is famous for her long jump and hurdles, while Woodhall is a well-known Paralympic medalist. Born without fibulas, leading to his lower legs being amputated at 11 months, Woodhall has set records and inspired many with his strength and determination.

Their relationship shows strong support and shared dreams, as seen by many who watch their YouTube channel about their life as a couple and athletes.

hurdles - obstacles that runners must jump over during a race, requiring speed and agility.

fibulas - the two long bones in the lower leg that help support the body and allow movement.

amputated - to have a part of the body surgically removed, often due to injury or disease.

1. What is the primary reason Tara Davis and Hunter Woodhall's relationship is remarkable?

- a) They competed together at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- b) They overcame the challenges of a long-distance relationship.
- c) They have a successful YouTube channel about their lives.
- d) Their shared dreams and support for each other's athletic careers.

2. Which of the following best describes Tara Davis's athletic accomplishments?

- a) She is famous for her long jump and hurdles.
- b) She has set records and inspired many with her strength and determination.
- c) She is a well-known Paralympic medalist.
- d) Both A and C.

3. Which of the following best describes Hunter Woodhall's athletic achievements?

- a) He has set many world records.
- b) He is a well-known Paralympic medalist.
- c) He competed in multiple Olympic Games.
- d) He is famous for his long jump and hurdles.

4. What is the primary focus of Tara Davis and Hunter Woodhall's YouTube channel?

- a) Their sports training and competition.
- b) Their personal experiences and relationship.
- c) Their charitable work and community involvement.
- d) A combination of their sports and personal life.



3 Watch this short interview with Tara and fill in the gaps in the summary.

Tara and Hunter _____(1) together daily with the same _____(2)

They commute to practice _____(3) every _____(4)

They witness each other push through _____(5)

They felt _____(6) jumping into each other's _____(7) at the Olympic Games.

They are both nervous about watching each other _____(8)

Tara is excited to watch her partner at the _____(9) Games.



4 Choose a famous couple with an interesting love story from the list below. You have 10 minutes to find information about them on the Internet and make notes for yourself in 6-8 sentences. After that, present what you found to your partner or to the rest of the class.

1. Yoko Ono and John Lennon
2. David and Victoria Beckham
3. Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera
4. Johnny Cash and June Carter
5. David Bowie and Iman
6. Salvador and Gala Dalí
7. Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds
8. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle
9. Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love
10. Prince Charles and Princess Diana

Correct answers

1

The idea is generated in the “Lead-in Activities” tool.

2

The article was simplified in the “Simplify&Upgrade” tool. The questions were generated in the “ABCD Questions” tool.

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. d

3

Made in “Summary GapFill”

1. train
2. coach
3. together
4. morning
5. tough moments
6. relief
7. arms
8. compete
9. Paralympic

4

The list of options was generated in the “Create a text” tool.