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Level 5 – 5th September, 2022

Tennis legend Serena Williams plays her final match

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/220905-serena-williams-5.html>

One of sport's greatest legends played her final match. Serena Williams bowed out of the US Open on Friday after losing in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her customary grit in her gruelling three-hour match. The crowd erupted in thunderous applause at the moment of defeat. Tears streamed down Ms Williams' face as she showed her appreciation to the crowd and waved farewell. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here...on my side so many years, decades...literally decades. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams is arguably the greatest tennis player ever. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, 319 weeks spent as world number one, and 27 years at the top are testament to that. Her achievements have spread far beyond tennis. She has inspired girls worldwide. A former tennis star said Serena's "greatest contributions may be yet to come". American player Coco Gauff, 18, said Williams was her hero. She said: "The impact you've had on me goes beyond any words that can be put together." Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait to see the lives you continue to transform with your talents."

Sources: <https://sports.yahoo.com/us-open-2022-serena-williams-ends-career-with-third-round-loss-but-her-tennis-legacy-will-only-grow-022257347.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. One of sport's | a. the third round |
| 2. Williams bowed | b. to the crowd |
| 3. after losing in | c. applause |
| 4. The 40-year-old showed her | d. match interview |
| 5. The crowd erupted in thunderous | e. greatest legends |
| 6. at the moment | f. customary grit |
| 7. she showed her appreciation | g. out of the US Open |
| 8. In her post- | h. of defeat |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. arguably the greatest | a. at the top |
| 2. 319 weeks spent as | b. be yet to come |
| 3. 27 years | c. beyond any words |
| 4. Her achievements have spread far | d. world number one |
| 5. She has inspired | e. to transform |
| 6. Serena's greatest contributions may | f. girls worldwide |
| 7. The impact you've had on me goes | g. tennis player ever |
| 8. the lives you continue | h. beyond tennis |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One of sport's greatest legends played (1) _____.
Serena Williams (2) _____ the US Open on Friday
after losing in the third round. The 40-year-old showed her
customary grit (3) _____ three-hour match. The
crowd erupted in thunderous applause at the
(4) _____. Tears streamed down Ms Williams' face
as she showed her appreciation to the crowd
(5) _____. In her post-match interview, she said:
"I just thank everyone that's here...on my side so many years,
(6) _____. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams (7) _____ greatest tennis player
ever. Her 23 Grand Slam titles, 319 weeks spent as world number
one, and 27 years at the top (8) _____ that. Her
achievements have (9) _____ tennis. She has
inspired girls worldwide. A former tennis star said Serena's
"greatest contributions may be (10) _____".
American player Coco Gauff, 18, said Williams was her hero. She
said: "(11) _____ had on me goes beyond any
words that can be put together." Michelle Obama said: "I can't wait
to see the lives you (12) _____ with your talents."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SERENA WILLIAMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Serena Williams in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

