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Level 4 – 5th September, 2022

Tennis legend Serena Williams plays her final match

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A sporting legend has played her final match. Serena Williams bowed out of the US Open on Friday. The 40-year-old showed her usual grit in her gruelling three-hour match. The crowd clapped thunderously at the moment of defeat. Tears ran down Ms Williams' face as she thanked the crowd and waved farewell. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here...on my side so many...decades. But, it all started with my parents."

Serena Williams is arguably the greatest ever. She won 23 Grand Slams and spent 319 weeks as world number one in her 27-year career. Her achievements include inspiring girls worldwide. A former tennis star said Serena's "greatest contributions may be yet to come". American player Coco Gauff, 18, said Serena's impact on her life is "beyond any words". 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:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Williams bowed | a. thunderously |
| 2. in her gruelling | b. everyone that's here |
| 3. The crowd clapped | c. out of the US Open |
| 4. Tears ran | d. match interview |
| 5. she thanked the crowd and | e. with my parents |
| 6. In her post- | f. three-hour match |
| 7. I just thank | g. waved farewell |
| 8. it all started | h. down Ms Williams' face |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Serena Williams is arguably | a. contributions |
| 2. 319 weeks as | b. words |
| 3. inspiring girls | c. to transform |
| 4. Serena's greatest | d. to come |
| 5. may be yet | e. world number one |
| 6. Serena's impact | f. the greatest ever |
| 7. beyond any | g. worldwide |
| 8. the lives you continue | h. on her life |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/220905-serena-williams-4.html>

A sporting (1) _____ her final match. Serena Williams (2) _____ the US Open on Friday. The 40-year-old showed her (3) _____ her gruelling three-hour match. The crowd clapped thunderously at the (4) _____. Tears ran down Ms Williams' face as she thanked the crowd (5) _____. In her post-match interview, she said: "I just thank everyone that's here...on my side so many...decades. But, it all (6) _____ parents."

Serena Williams is (7) _____ ever. She won 23 Grand Slams and spent 319 (8) _____ number one in her 27-year career. Her achievements include (9) _____. A former tennis star said Serena's "greatest contributions (10) _____ to come". American player Coco Gauff, 18, said Serena's (11) _____ life is "beyond any words". 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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anplayerCocoGauff,18,saidSerena'simpactonherlifeis"beyondanyw
ords".MichelleObamasaid:"Ican'twaittoseethelivesyoucontinuetotr
ansformwithyourtalents."

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) _____

