



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: CARLOS ALCARAZ

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 5.

2. What skills do you think make Carlos Alcaraz a great tennis player? Why?

3. Which surface is Alcaraz's favorite to play on?
 - A. a clay court
 - B. a grass court
 - C. a hard court

4. Why were the 2024 Olympics special for Alcaraz?
 - A. He got to team up with his childhood hero.
 - B. He played against Novak Djokovic for the first time.
 - C. He won a gold medal.



5. What does **adaptable** mean in the *Carlos Alcaraz* book?

*Carlos Jr. was an **adaptable** player. Sometimes his plan going into a match wouldn't work. So, Carlos Jr. learned to change his playing style on the fly.*

- A. not able to change
- B. able to quickly make a new plan
- C. always using the same plan

6. What does **comeback** mean in the *Carlos Alcaraz* book?

*The **comeback** wins at the French Open were nothing new for Alcaraz. He always seemed to play better late in matches.*

- A. taking the lead right away but losing it
- B. taking the lead near the end after being behind
- C. playing the same way the whole time



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: CARLOS ALCARAZ

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: JOSH ALLEN

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Which of Josh Allen's stats do you think is most impressive? Why?

3. Against which team did Allen get his first NFL win?
 - A. Miami Dolphins
 - B. Minnesota Vikings
 - C. New England Patriots

4. How much did Buffalo's record improve between Allen's first and second seasons?
 - A. four wins
 - B. five wins
 - C. six wins



5. What does **loyal** mean in the *Josh Allen* book?

*College coaches might have noticed Josh if he'd moved to a bigger school. But he stayed **loyal** to his hometown. Josh had a great senior season at Firebaugh High School.*

- A. faithful
- B. unfriendly
- C. disconnected

6. What does **inconsistency** mean in the *Josh Allen* book?

*He could make big throws. But he also made mistakes. Sometimes, Allen missed easy passes. The quarterback's **inconsistency** showed in his first playoff game.*

- A. when a player is fast and strong
- B. when a player is always the same
- C. when a player is not dependable



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: JOSH ALLEN

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: SAQUON BARKLEY

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. What are some of Saquon Barkley's best skills as a football player?

3. How many yards did Saquon Barkley run for in the 2024 regular season?
 - A. 1,003
 - B. 1,307
 - C. 2,005

4. Why did Barkley skip his senior year of college?
 - A. He was ready to play in the NFL after his junior year.
 - B. He planned on switching to Rutgers.
 - C. He knew he never wanted to graduate from college.



5. What does **hurdled** mean in the *Saquon Barkley* book?

*Instead, he leaped backward and spread his legs wide. Barkley **hurdled** the defender, who dived right under him.*

- A. dived under
- B. jumped over
- C. smashed into

6. What does **dedicated** mean in the *Saquon Barkley* book?

*Barkley **dedicated** himself to the weight room. In 2017, he lifted 405 pounds (184 kg).*

- A. tried hard to improve something
- B. stopped trying to do something
- C. got hurt while lifting weights



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: SAQUON BARKLEY

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: PAIGE BUECKERS

1. Write a short paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. What skills do you think helped Paige Bueckers succeed right away in college?

3. In 2022, which school did UConn play in the NCAA championship game?
 - A. USC
 - B. Iowa
 - C. South Carolina

4. How many times did Paige Bueckers play in the Final Four?
 - A. two
 - B. three
 - C. four



5. What does **dominated** mean in the *Paige Bueckers* book?

*Paige Bueckers made the jump to college look easy. She **dominated** in her first game at UConn. She drained many shots against the tough college defenders.*

- A. played better than others
- B. had many difficulties
- C. played worse than expected

6. What does **weaved** mean in the *Paige Bueckers* book?

*She dribbled between defenders and **weaved** her way to the basket.*

- A. ran into people
- B. turned and moved quickly
- C. stopped moving



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: PAIGE BUECKERS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: AARON JUDGE

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Which of Aaron Judge's records do you think is most impressive? Why?

3. Which team did the Yankees play in the 2024 World Series?
 - A. San Francisco Giants
 - B. Oakland Athletics
 - C. Los Angeles Dodgers

4. For how many seasons did Aaron Judge play in the minor leagues?
 - A. one season
 - B. three seasons
 - C. six seasons



5. What does **prospect** mean in the *Aaron Judge* book?

*Scouts loved Judge's all-around game. He became a top MLB **prospect**.*

- A. a player who is expected to do well at a higher level
- B. a person who looks for talented new players
- C. a player who most scouts have not heard of

6. What does **assignment** mean in the *Aaron Judge* book?

*In 2018, Judge started playing some games at center field. Usually, center fielders are a baseball team's fastest athletes. The **assignment** showed Judge's all-around skill.*

- A. number
- B. job
- C. speed



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: AARON JUDGE

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: TRAVIS KELCE

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. What do you think is Travis Kelce's most impressive accomplishment? Why?

3. Which team did the Kansas City Chiefs beat in Kelce's first Super Bowl appearance?
 - A. Buffalo Bills
 - B. Philadelphia Eagles
 - C. San Francisco 49ers

4. How many seasons did Kelce play tight end for the Cincinnati Bearcats?
 - A. two
 - B. three
 - C. four



5. What does **dominated** mean in the *Travis Kelce* book?

*Kelce **dominated**. He caught 8 passes for 128 yards. Kansas City won 30–0.*

- A. ran more slowly than defenders
- B. played much better than others
- C. had trouble catching the ball

6. What does **target** mean in the *Travis Kelce* book?

*In 2018, Patrick Mahomes took over as the Chiefs' quarterback. By Week 2, he had a new favorite **target**. Kelce caught seven passes in that game.*

- A. something aimed at
- B. something avoided
- C. something to catch



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: TRAVIS KELCE

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: SHOHEI OHTANI

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.

2. What do you think is the most incredible feat of Shohei Ohtani's career? Why?

3. Which MLB great is Ohtani often compared to?
 - A. Yu Darvish
 - B. Mike Trout
 - C. Babe Ruth

4. Why did Ohtani sign with the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters after high school?
 - A. The team gave him more money than MLB teams.
 - B. The team allowed him to both hit and pitch.
 - C. The team didn't let him leave Japan.



5. What does **two-way** mean in the *Shohei Ohtani* book?

*Baseball's early days featured many **two-way** stars. But the practice soon died out. Since the 1930s, few players have been great at both pitching and hitting.*

- A. a player who pitches and is good at hitting
- B. a player from before the 1930s
- C. a player who is great without practicing

6. What does **scouts** mean in the *Shohei Ohtani* book?

*MLB **scouts** followed Ohtani's every move. They saw he had more than enough talent for MLB.*

- A. police who keep stadiums safe
- B. fans who love more than one team
- C. people who look for skilled players



ANSWER KEY FOR SPORTS BIOS: SHOHEI OHTANI

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

SPORTS BIOS: AMON-RA ST. BROWN

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. What do you think made Amon-Ra St. Brown ready to succeed as a college football player?

3. After the 2023 season, what team did the Lions play in the conference title game?
 - A. Los Angeles Chargers
 - B. Minnesota Vikings
 - C. San Francisco 49ers

4. How many seasons did Amon-Ra St. Brown play at USC?
 - A. two
 - B. three
 - C. four



5. What does **thrived** mean in the *Amon-Ra St. Brown* book?

*Amon-Ra **thrived**. Experts said he was one of the best high school players in the country.*

- A. did poorly
- B. did well
- C. did not play

6. What does **disappointing** mean in the *Amon-Ra St. Brown* book?

*The Lions lost six of their first seven games. St. Brown also injured his ankle. He missed a game. It was a **disappointing** start.*

- A. better than what happened before
- B. not having any problems or challenges
- C. not what was wanted or hoped for



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2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. C