

Task 1 - Read through the following sentences and group them into suitable paragraphs - think carefully about how the content of each sentence might be linked to another.

British diver Tom Daley has represented his country in many competitions worldwide, including three Olympic Games.

Tom attended local schools and, despite his education being interrupted by competitions, he still achieved great exam results at his secondary school.

From that age onwards, Tom was part of an increasingly intensive training regime – including regular lessons and training camps in other cities.

However, later in 2005 at the British Championships, he did become the under-18 champion in 10m platform and 3m springboard.

Sadly, Tom's biggest supporter – his father – was diagnosed with a brain tumour when Tom was only 12. He died in 2011.

After the success of the 2012 Games, Tom returned to training and school, studying hard for his exams.

He became a celebrity supporter of ChildLine, a children's helpline run by the NSPCC, and revealed that he had been bullied earlier in his schooldays.

He specialises in platform dives - both as a solo athlete and in synchronised events.

Having learned to swim at the age of four, Tom then began diving lessons at his local pool aged seven.

Although, he was also keen on other sports including judo.

He has admitted that he found being away from home very difficult as a young child, and when Tom was placed in a competitive squad and began travelling to diving events, his father decided he would give up his job and accompany Tom on the road.

Only one month after his tenth birthday, Tom became the youngest-ever winner of the under-18 platform competition in the National Junior Championships.

Tom was devastated by the loss.

He won a bronze medal in the individual 10m dive (which he dedicated to his late father) but unfortunately finished 4th in the synchronised event.

Thomas Robert Daley was born in Plymouth on 21st May 1994.

Tom is their eldest child: his two brothers, William and Ben, are three and five years younger than him.

He was soon spotted by diving coach Andy Banks, who became his trainer when Tom was eight years old.

Unfortunately, despite the fact he had met the tough qualification standard for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Tom couldn't be selected for the England team at that time since he wasn't old enough.

In the lead-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, Tom was one of the British athletes promoting the Games around the country.

Even at that point, aged only 22, Tom was already regarded as a 'veteran' athlete, and is seen as an inspiration for young sports fans across the United Kingdom.

His determination and willingness to train incredibly hard make him an excellent role model.

Task 2 - Can you add in the missing adverbials from the selection given, to show cohesion between each paragraph - if you don't like a particular one, can you think of a better one to replace it?

ROALD DAHL



Roald Dahl was born on 13th September 1916 in Llandaff, Wales. His parents were from Norway. He had an older sister called Astri, but in 1920, she died when she was only 7 years old. Roald's father was so sad that he fell ill from pneumonia. A few weeks later, he also died.

[] and had a fabulous memory. Roald remembered many tales she told about trolls and other mythical Norwegian characters.

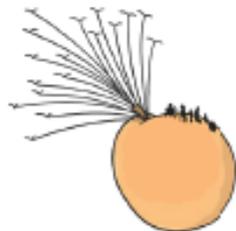
[] he had an unhappy time at his school in Wales, and was often 'caned' for bad behaviour. His mother sent him to boarding school in Weston-Super-Mare. He was just nine years old when he arrived at St. Peter's School and met the all-powerful Matron who "disliked small boys very much indeed" and the cane-wielding Headmaster.



[] Roald attended Repton Public School in Derbyshire. He was happier here. He was brilliant at sports and was very good at boxing. The boys at the school were sometimes asked to be chocolate testers for a famous chocolate company and this experience later inspired the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

[] Roald Dahl worked in Africa for an oil company and then enlisted in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

[] Roald Dahl was posted to Libya where he flew a Gloster Gladiator plane. He crashed in the Western Desert in North Africa, and suffered such severe injuries to his head and back that he had to stay in hospital in Egypt for six months. He returned to the RAF but,



after a while, he began suffering terrible headaches from his accident. This meant he had to leave because he could not fly planes anymore.

[] Roald was posted to Washington in the USA to work as an assistant air attaché. He met the author C.S. Forester, who suggested that Roald should write about his experiences

flying planes in the desert. Roald started writing articles for newspapers.

[] and married actress Patricia Neal. They lived in Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, England. He wrote many of his famous stories there. Roald Dahl and Patricia Neal had five children; Olivia, Tessa, Theo, Ophelia and Lucy. However, Olivia tragically died at the age of 7 from an illness.

[] started telling his amazing stories to his children at bedtime. He realised how much his own children enjoyed his stories and decided to write them down for all children to enjoy. 'James and the Giant Peach' was his first published children's book.



Roald Dahl had a great talent for seeing the world through children's eyes. He said, "If you want to remember what it's like to live in a child's world, you've got to get down on your hands and knees and live like that for a week. You'll find you have to look up at all these giants around you who are always telling you what to do and what not to do."

[] for encouraging children to read. He believed that children should be "comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

Roald eventually met...

At the age of 13...

Before the war in 1940...

To help deal with the tragedy...

Over the next few years...

With a mother who was a great storyteller...

Later in 1942...

He had a passion for...

Although he had a happy home life...