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## English Together

### Age is just a number



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#### ዘሩባቤል

ሰላም! ስለአንድ ጉዳይ ወደምንወያይበትና ስለጉዳዩ ለማውራት የሚያስፈልገውን ቋንቋ ወደምናቀርብበት የEnglish Together ዝግጅት እንኳን በደህና መጡ። ዘሩባቤል እባላለሁ። አብረውኝ ደግሞ. . .

#### Phil

Hi, I'm Phil. Welcome to the programme.

#### Sam

And I'm Sam. Hello everyone!

#### Phil

Guys, I really need to share this story with you! Did you hear about the 99-year-old swimmer who broke the world record in Australia?

#### ዘሩባቤል

Wait, wait! Before we listen to the story, as you brought up the topic of an athletics competition, Phil, let me ask you a quick question about the world's oldest and biggest athletics competition – the Olympic Games. ስለጥንታዊ የአሎምፒክ ጨዋታዎች የሚያወሳው እና እስካሁን የተገኘው ቀዳሚው የጽሁፍ ማስረጃ ወደ776 ዓመት ዓለም የሚመዘዝ ነው። ይህም አንድ ውድድር ብቻ ነው የነበረው። ስለዚህም ከሂስቶሪ ዶት ኮም የተገኘው የዛሬው ጥያቄዎችን ይህ ነው፤ ያ ውድድር ምንድን ነበር?

ሀ) የውሃ ዋና

ለ) ነፃ ትግል

ሐ) የመም እና የሜዳ ላይ ውድድር

#### Sam

Mmm, that's a good question!

#### Phil

Let's talk about it later! I really want you to hear this story!

#### ዘሩባቤል

Phil, you're very excited about this, aren't you? Ok, ይህንን ከቢቢሲ ዓለም አቀፍ አገልግሎት የተገኘው እና የዋና ክብረ ወሰንን ስለላሰበሩ የዘጠና ዘጠኝ ዓመት አዛውንት የሚያወራ ዜና እንስማ።

## News Insert

While most around him were sweating over claiming a place in the Commonwealth Games, George Coronos used the Australian trials as a way to put his name in the record books. The only entry in the 100-104 age group, he swam alone covering 50 metres in 56.12 seconds. Coronos says he only started taking swimming seriously at the age of 80 and while this won't win him a place in the games, he does have his sights set on another record. Tomorrow night, he returns to swim in the 100 metre freestyle.

## Phil

Isn't that amazing?

## Sam

But was he competing in the games? I didn't quite understand.

## ዘሩባቤል

No, he was just using the 'trials' ልምምዶችን ወይንም ሙከራዎች 'as a way to put his name in the record books' ስሙን ከታሪክ መዛግብት ላይ እንደማስፈሪያ መንገድ አድርጎ ነበር የወሰዳቸው።

## Phil

Yeah, they said that while he didn't win a place in the games, he did win a place in the record books.

## Sam

I hear a story like that, and I just feel a little inadequate, to be honest.

## ዘሩባቤል

'To feel inadequate' ዝግጁ ወይንም ብቁ ሆነው እንዳልተገኙ መሰማት ማለት ነው። it's the opposite of 'adequate' ብቁ ማለት ነው። That's not good, Sam!

## Phil

Oh no, Sam! A story like this shouldn't make you feel inadequate. It just proves that age shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your dreams. It should be motivating!

## ዘሩባቤል

'To be motivating' አነሳሽ ማለት ነው። I agree, age shouldn't be 'a barrier' አጥር ወይንም መከላከያ።

## Sam

I guess what's motivating for some people, is demoralising for others.

**ዘሩባቤል**

'To be demoralising' መንፈስን የሚያላሽቅ ማለት ነው። Do you really find this story demoralising, Sam?

**Phil**

Trust you to hear a story as positive as this one and think it's demoralising, Sam!

**Sam**

Don't get me wrong, I also think it's very impressive.

**ዘሩባቤል**

Oh, good! 'To be impressive' አስደማሚ ወይም አስደናቂ ማለት ነው። and you can say 'to be impressed by something or someone' በአንድ ነገር ወይም ሰው መደነቅ ማለት ነው። I'm impressed by this man, definitely!

**Phil**

Yeah, me too! I'm so impressed by his thirst for life.

**ዘሩባቤል**

'Thirst for life' ለህይወት ያለ ጥማት ማለት ነው።

**Sam**

Yeah, absolutely. I'm just saying that his impressive thirst for life can also be demoralising!

**ዘሩባቤል**

Ok, Sam, let's see if you find *this* motivating! Do you remember the question I asked you earlier? በመጀመሪያው የተመዘገበ የአሎምፒክ ጨዋታ ላይ የነበረው ብቸኛ ውድድር ምንድን ነበር?

ሀ) የውሃ ዋና

ለ) ነፃ ትግል

ሐ) የመም እና የሜዳ ላይ ውድድር

What do you think the answer is, Sam?

**Sam**

I think it was c.

**ዘሩባቤል**

And you're correct መለሱ ሐ) የመም እና የሜዳ ላይ ውድድር ነበር።

**Phil**

That was very impressive, Sam!

**Sam**

Yeah, yeah. I know what you two are trying to do, and it won't work.

**ዘሩባቤል**

Ha ha! Not sure Sam is very impressed by us, Phil! የዛሬውን መሰናጃችንን አጠናቅቀን ከመሰናበታችን በፊት ግን ዛሬ ስንነጋገርባቸው የነበሩትን ቃላት እንመልከት፤ ሁሉም ከስኬት ጋር የሚገናኙ ናቸው። to feel inadequate ብቁ ወይም ዝግጁ ያለመሆን ስሜት ማለት ነው፤ to be motivating' አነሳሽ ማለት ነው፤ to be demoralising' የመንፈስ መላሸቅ ማለት ነው፤ to be impressive' አስደናቂ መሆን ማለት ነው። አብራችሁን ስለቆያችሁ እናመሰግናለን፤ ለተጨማሪ የEnglish Together በሚቀጥለው ሳምንት ይጠብቁን።