

THEME 3 LEGENDARY FIGURE LISTENING SKILL (COUNT ME IN)

A. Ramil Guliyev, 200 m World Champ, is at a press conference and answering a question about his life story. Listen and put the events into the correct order. (Transcript 3.1)

- ____ Ramil moved to Turkey.
- ____ Ramil became 2nd in 5th IAAF World Youth Championships.
- ____ Ramil won the men's 200 m World Championships.
- ____ Ramil was the silver medalist at the European Championships.

B. Listen to the second part of the press conference and tick the questions you hear. (Transcript 3.3)

1. a. Were you hopeful at the beginning of the race?
b. Have you ever lost your hope?
2. a. Why did you get surprised?
b. How did you feel when you won?
3. a. Did it feel painful while you were running?
b. Did you feel the victory while you were running?
4. a. Did you do anything special before the race?
b. Were you stressed before the race?

Tapescript 3.1

Reporter 1: So, Ramil. Congratulations on your victory. You are the first athlete of Turkey to win the World Championships in 200 m. People will search for your story from now on. Can you tell us your story briefly?

Ramil: Well, I was born in Azerbaijan and grew up there, as you know, a developing country and needs some more time to become a land of sports. I was inspired by my father when I was a child. He was, then, one of the top athletes of the country. He was ambitious, determined and also keen on my career. I started with him. He was my first coach. Things went well and I realized that I was one of the best young sprinters of Europe when I came 2nd in 5th IAAF World Youth Championships in 2007. This made me better concentrated and more focused. I needed to make progress. I decided to move to Turkey and did so, because Turkey offered better opportunities for a better career, and there are hospitable, friendly people there. We also see Turkey as our second home in Azerbaijan. Then, I went on training hard and found great support here. In 2016, I was the silver-medalist of the European Championships. All the preparation for the World Athletics Championships went well and finally, I am here as the winner of the 200 m. of the last World Championships.

Tapescript 3.3

Reporter 2: That's an impressive story, Ramil. I'd like to ask you a question about the race. Were you hopeful at the beginning of the race?

Ramil: Of course. There were 8 finalists and they are usually ambitious and hopeful athletes. I have always believed in myself.

Reporter 3: How did you feel when you won?

Ramil: Well... I just couldn't speak. It was the best moment in my life. I burst into tears as you saw.

Reporter 4: Did you feel the victory while you were running?

Ramil: I did. I felt very strong and believed in victory.

Reporter 5: Did you do anything special before the race?

Ramil: We did. We focused on our tactics. I followed a special tactic for this final.

Reporter 6: Do you think you will become a legendary figure?

Ramil: Well... That's difficult to achieve but I'll do my best. At least, I can promise for that.