

THEME 8 SPORTS READING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

A. Read the news excerpt and match the topics with each paragraph.

- a. How an international athlete felt about Turkey
- b. How other countries appreciated the triumph
- c. Why an international athlete admired Turkey
- d. How Turkish people react to the victory

'Incredible' Turkish amputee footballers are praised by UEFA

___ (1) Turkish amputee footballers grabbed a slice of history and became the champion in the 2017 Amputee European Championship. This brought other countries' gratitude as well. UEFA described the performance of Turkey's victorious amputee footballers as "incredible". By attaching a photo of Turkish fans celebrating their team's victory, UEFA tweeted that around 40.000 Turkish fans watched the final match, Turkey hosting England, which was beaten 2-1. They appreciated the fantastic support for the incredible athletes. Another international comment came from San Francisco-based sports news site, Bleacher Report. They put the photos of Turkish players who were celebrating after the victory and said that this was how it felt to win the Amputee European Championship. They also added the Turkish national flag and a heart emoji just near the message.

___ (2) The victory and the athletes were welcomed with cheers all around Turkey. The President acknowledged the team and said that he congratulated the amputee national football team who became European champions by defeating England wholeheartedly. He also added that Turkey was proud of them. Following the President, many politicians, businessmen and celebrities indicated their honor and some even made donations to the national team to support the players and show their respect and appreciation.

Dutch kite surfer says that Turkey feels like home.

___ (3) Annabel van Westerop is a Dutch kite surfer and Turkey's tourism ambassador who says that coming back to Turkey felt like coming home. She attended the Kiteboarding World Cup between 5th and 7th October in Muğla province. She added that she would take decent memories to her country and would pay a second visit as soon as she could. Turkey's Ministry of Culture and Tourism shot a short-video titled Home of Turquoise, featuring Westerop. She kindly appreciated the beauty of Turkey and said that people from other countries should visit Turkey and enjoy its beauty.

___ (4) The short film was shown on television channels and won dozens of international awards. Westerop said she didn't know that a lot of people watched her on television screens worldwide. She came second in the women category in the World Cup. Finally, she admired Turkish food, and the people for their hospitality. She thought that all the Turkish people welcomed her by heart and hosted her just like a family member!

B. Read again and answer the following questions.

1. How did UEFA react to Turkish amputee footballers' success?
2. Why do you think international media mentioned Turkish supporters?
3. How did people in Turkey praise the victory of the team?
4. How do you feel about this success of the amputee national team?
5. Who is Annabel van Westerop? Why did she visit Turkey?
6. Why do you think Turkey's Ministry of Culture and Tourism shoot a video featuring Westerop?
7. How does she feel about Turkey?
8. Do you think international sportspeople can promote the tourism in Turkey? How?