

THEME 8 SPORTS LISTENING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

A. Listen to the interviews with Hamza Yerlikaya and Yasemin Dalkılıç and match the important dates you hear with the events. (Tapescript 46)

1996 / 1999 / 2000 / 2004

- (.....) a. Yasemin broke her first world record in diving.
- (.....) b. Yasemin set world records in different categories.
- (.....) c. Hamza won the Olympic championship for the first time.
- (.....) d. Hamza became the Olympic champion in wrestling for the second time.

B. Listen again and answer the following questions. (Tapescript 46)

1. What has FILA announced?
2. When did Hamza Yerlikaya start wrestling professionally?
3. What are his achievements?
4. What kind of a sportsman is he?
5. What does Yasemin Dalkılıç think about all women?
6. What did she do in 2000?
7. How many world records has she had?
8. What has she been doing since her retirement?
9. What kind of a person is she?
10. Do you think they are exemplary sportspeople? Explain.

Tapescript 46

Mehmet: Hello all, this is your radio host, Mehmet. You are with us again on Sports Radio 65.5. Today, we have two special guests; Hamza Yerlikaya and Yasemin Dalkılıç. We are proud to host these two successful Turkish sportspeople. Thank you so much to accept our invitation. OK, let's start with Hamza Yerlikaya. Hello, Hamza. How are you?

Hamza: Hello, thank you so much, it is nice to be here.

Mehmet: It's a pleasure. We all know FILA has announced that Hamza Yerlikaya is the wrestler of the century. How do you feel about this announcement?

Hamza: Oh, as you can imagine, I feel so honored to be announced like this. I practiced very hard.

Mehmet: Yes, I am sure about it. Hamza, could you please talk about yourself a bit as young people should know about your story so that they can take you as a role model?

Hamza: OK, I was born in Sivas in 1976. My father was a wrestler as well so it was a family tradition for us to start wrestling at early ages. When I was 10 years old, I started wrestling in İstanbul Demirspor club. Since my childhood years, I have always woken up early, practiced everyday with patience and tried to beat my own records. I believe that self-control is the key point for a sports person.

Mehmet: Yes, we can see that your hard work brought many medals and thus fame to you.

Hamza: In fact, I have been the European, world and Olympics champion in wrestling but I have never thought about myself. In 1996 and 2000, I became the Olympic champion twice and the only thing on my mind was my country and raising our flag while listening to our national anthem.

Mehmet: I should appreciate your humble attitude Hamza, thank you so much for everything you have achieved for our country as a patriot sportsman. We will continue with your medals in details in the second part. I would like to welcome Yasemin, too. How are you Yasemin?

Yasemin: Thank you, Mehmet. I'm fine and it's good to meet with your audience again.

Mehmet: Oh, I'm sure they feel the same. Yasemin, you are an example for the girls who would like to try different kinds of sports in Turkey.

Yasemin: I have been trying hard to prove that. I think all the women can achieve their goals. If they have self-confidence and self-control as Hamza said, every difficulty can be sorted out.

Mehmet: Yasemin, would you like to mention your life story?

Yasemin: Yes, I was born in Ankara in 1979. At the age of 3, I was into diving and since I was 14 years-old, I have been diving professionally. I achieved my first world record in 1999 in 68-meter equipment assisted constant ballast category, then in 2000, I set three more world records in free diving. Those were fascinating as the dives were shown on TV channels around the world live. In 2001 and 2004, I broke some more world records in different categories and after 7 world records, I retired from diving.

Mehmet: How marvelous, Yasemin. You made our country's name known in diving all through those years. You have always been well-known with your modest and kind personality. And I know that since retirement, you have been working voluntarily to support cancer patients. Could you explain the reason?

Yasemin: Yes, of course, Mehmet. As you know, I myself is a cancer survivor so after my treatment, I became an activist to help raise awareness about this illness.

Mehmet: Thank you both just for the first part of this interview. You two contributed to our country a lot. Atatürk says that he likes sportsmen who are smart, agile and also well-behaved and you are two of the best examples of this. So, after a short break, we will continue with the second part. Don't miss the rest, guys.