

Activity Name	“BIOGRAPHY OF ROMANY ” (READING)
Language	English
Level	Intermediate - Advanced (5 th to 9 th semester)
Objective	Analyze a text and determine which sentences can complete it.
Linguistic Competence to Develop	Reading comprehension
Strategies	- Examine a text and a set of sentences. - Decide which sentences can be used to complete the text.
Activities	1. Read a set of sentences and a text. 2. Write the letter or the sentences that complete the text.
Feedback	When you finish check the “Answer Key”. You can keep the worksheet in your portfolio of evidence.

A. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

- A. However, life on board a ship isn't always the dream she expected.
- B. But to take part, she had to stay on a very strict diet.
- C. One day, she was inspired by a female magician to study magic.
- D. She was too old to dance and could not act or play a musical instrument.
- E. Many people are inspired by the story of her life.
- F. She had never spoken about some of her issues before writing it.
- G. Although this was a successful time in Romany's life, she was not happy.
- H. She went to college to do a course in story-telling.

Biography of Romany

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After that, she decided that ballet was not for her. She got a degree and got a job in sales. But she never stopped being attracted to performing. In her free time, she joined a circus club. Before long, she was offered occasional jobs. _____ She was working all day, and spending all her free time doing circus work. She became very stressed and tired and her eating problems returned.

She knew that her life could not continue in this way. So she took a long look at her life and thought about what she really wanted. She realized she really wanted to work on stage. However, she wasn't sure what to do. _____ But then she had an idea. She quit her job and applied to the National Centre of Circus Arts to study magic.

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