

Worksheet

The swimmers (director Sally El-Hosaini)

A) Complete the sentences using the correct tense

1. Yusra and Sara ____ (dream) of competing in the Olympics since they were children.
2. By the time they arrived in Europe, they ____ (travel) through dangerous waters and countries.
3. Sara ____ (help) refugees as a volunteer for years now.
4. When the war ____ (break out) in Syria, the family had to make a difficult decision.
5. While they ____ (swim) across the Aegean Sea, their determination kept them going despite the dangers.
6. Yusra ____ (become) a symbol of hope after she competed in the Rio 2016 Olympics.
7. They ____ (not give up) on their dream, even when everything seemed impossible.
8. What ____ (you/think) about their journey when you first heard the story?
9. If they ____ (not leave) Syria, they would have faced even greater dangers.
10. By the end of the movie, Yusra and Sara ____ (inspire) millions of people worldwide.

B) Rewrite the sentences correctly

1. "Yusra and Sara was training every day to improve their swimming skills."
2. "By the end of the trip, they have survived numerous hardships."
3. "If they didn't leave Syria, they will never have become Olympians."
4. "Yusra competes in the Rio Olympics after overcoming many challenges."
5. "They had been crossing the sea when the engine of their boat breaks down."

C) Complete the paragraph about the plot of *The Swimmers* (only past tenses)

Yusra and Sara Mardini ____ (live) in Syria with their family when the civil war ____ (break out). Their lives ____ (change) dramatically as the conflict escalated, and they eventually ____ (decide) to flee their home. Before they ____ (start) their journey, they ____ (train) as competitive swimmers for years. While they ____ (cross) the Mediterranean Sea on an overcrowded boat, the engine ____ (fail), and the boat ____ (begin) to sink. By that time, the sisters ____ (already/realize) that they had no choice but to swim to save everyone. They ____ (pull) the boat through the water for hours, risking their own lives to help others. After they ____ (reach) Europe, they ____ (continue) their journey to Germany, where they finally ____ (find) safety and a chance to rebuild their lives.