

Read the text and answer the questions.

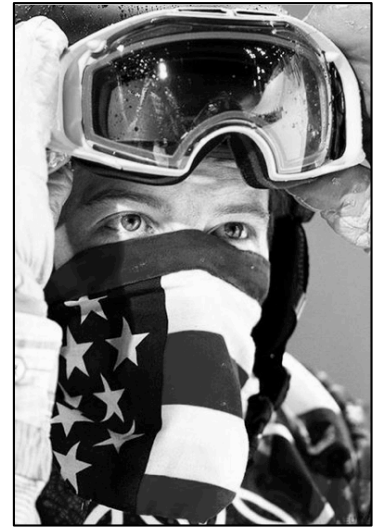
## The Flying Tomato

Shaun White

Shaun White is one of the most recognized sports stars in the United States. He won back-to-back gold medals in the half-pipe competition. His first gold was in the 2006 Winter Olympics and second in 2010. In addition to his many awards, he also became well known for his red hair. As a result, people often refer to him as the “Flying Tomato.”

“You know the best thing about competition? There's this whole strategy game, and when it all works out it's like solving that hard math equation. You finally get the answer and you're so happy.”

– Shaun White



Shaun overcame many adversities to get where he is today. Before age five he had two cardiac surgeries due to a congenital heart defect. He began skateboarding soon after. Then, following in his older brother's footsteps, he began snowboarding. Shaun worked extremely hard training for many years. Then his career began to take off. In the 2002 Winter X-Games he won eight medals.

Shaun recently competed in the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. After winning gold the past two years, Shaun had all the pressure and eyes on him. Shaun came up just short of medaling in Sochi. This tough loss taught us all a valuable lesson. You can't always win. However, Shaun did not hang his head. He simply reminded us how amazing it is to make it to the Olympics and no matter how hard you work sometimes it's just not your day. All you can do is keep working and fighting for your next opportunity.

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The facts in the text contribute to the author's main idea by –

- (A) describing how Shaun White did in the Sochi games.
- (B) explaining how Shaun White had a heart defect.
- (C) comparing Shaun White to his brother.
- (D) highlighting all of Shaun White's accomplishments.

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Read the quote from the text.

“You know the best thing about competition? There's this whole strategy game, and when it all works out it's like solving that hard math equation. You finally get the answer and you're so happy.” – Shaun White

What can be concluded based on the quote?

- (A) Shaun is happy to compete.
- (B) Shaun is not just talented but strategic.
- (C) Shaun likes to solve hard math problems.
- (D) Shaun solves puzzles.

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Read the sentence from the text.

Shaun overcame many adversities to get where he is today.

What does the word adversities **most likely** mean? Select **three** options.

- A  misfortune
- B  difficulty
- C  fortune
- D  positive event
- E  hardship
- F  fate

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Summarize the facts presented in the text. Use key details from the text to support your summary.

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This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

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What is **most likely** the author's intended purpose in writing this text?

- Ⓐ The author wants to describe Shaun White to the reader.
- Ⓑ The author wants to inform the reader about Shaun White's accomplishments.
- Ⓒ The author wants to entertain the reader with popular news.
- Ⓓ The author wants to persuade the reader to like Shaun White.

Part B

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Underline a sentence in the text that **best** supports your answer in part A?

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Which theme below **best** fits the intended message of the text?

- (A) Knowledge is power.
- (B) Enjoy life while you can.
- (C) Try, try again.
- (D) Believe those who seek the truth.

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Which **best** fits the main idea of the text as a whole?

- (A) Shaun White was successful in all his Olympic Games.
- (B) Shaun White had a heart defect.
- (C) Shaun White is a snowboarder.
- (D) Shawn White is a hard-working sports figure.

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Which of the following details from the excerpt show Shaun White's strong character?  
Select **three** options.

- A  Before age five he had two cardiac surgeries due to a congenital heart defect.
- B  Shaun White is one of the most recognized sports stars in the United States.
- C  Shaun did not hang his head.
- D  You can't always win.
- E  In the 2002 Winter X-Games he won eight medals.
- F  He simply reminded us how amazing it is to make it to the Olympics and no matter how hard you work sometimes it's just not your day.

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What claim does the author make about Shaun White in the text? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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Read the sentence from the text.

Then, following in his older brother's footsteps, he began snowboarding.

What does the author mean when he uses the phrase "following in his older brother's footsteps"?

- (A) To do the same as his brother.
- (B) To take the same steps as his brother.
- (C) To take a unique and different path.
- (D) To make the most of his family.