

help, a little hope



was eighteen. Then, at the age of nineteen, he became the youngest Argentinian to play in the World Cup.

25 Soon he was one of the most famous footballers in the world. In 2007 Messi started a foundation which pays for medical help for poor children.

How can a girl born without a hand become a table tennis star? When **Natalia Partyka** was seven, she wanted to play Ping-Pong like her older sister.

2 _____ Six months after she started training, Natalia took part in the first national **tournament** for disabled players. After that she never looked back. The Polish table tennis player won her first international medal at the age of ten. When she was fifteen, she **won** gold and silver medals at the Paralympics in Athens in 2004. Four years later, in Beijing, she was one of only two **athletes** who took part in the Olympics and the Paralympics at the same time. 3 _____ . At the 2012 Paralympics 40 in London Natalia won gold and bronze.



6 Complete the sentences with prepositions from the article.

- 1 The Brazilian footballer Pelé first played in the World Cup Final **at** the age _____ seventeen.
- 2 Great South American football players often move _____ Europe early in their careers.
- 3 The largest stadium _____ the world is the Rungrado May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, North Korea.
- 4 Not many athletes take part _____ both the Olympics and the Paralympics.
- 5 A good coach believes _____ his players.
- 6 Most sportspeople need sponsors to pay _____ their equipment.
- 7 In football, when someone scores a goal, everyone shouts _____ the same time.

7 Discuss the questions in pairs.

- 1 What sport were you interested in when you were a child?
- 2 Who is your favourite athlete? What sport does he/she do?
- 3 Would you like to be a professional sportsperson? Why?/Why not?

WORD STORE 6E

- 8 [CD:3.14] [MP3:111] What do you call different sportspeople? Complete WORD STORE 6E with more examples from the lesson. Then listen, check and repeat.