

- 1 Read the article quickly and choose the best title A, B or C.

- A Illness and injury end two sporting careers
 B An amazing return for a horse and jockey
 C Heartbreak in the end for two sporting heroes

- 2 Read the article again. Complete gaps 1–3 in the article with sentences A–D. There is one extra sentence.

- A They looked after Aldaniti for a whole year and gradually the horse's injuries got better.
 B They got back together a few months later when they were both well again.
 C Then, one day, he fell off his horse which accidentally kicked him when it tried to get up.
 D Every one of them wanted the fairy tale to have a happy ending.

- 3 Match phrases 1–4 to the correct meanings a–d. Use the context of the article to help you.

- 0 to recover from an illness or injury
 1 to make a full recovery from an illness or injury
 2 to regain your strength after an illness
 3 to be back to full fitness
 4 to battle against ill health or injury

- a to become strong again after an illness
 b to get completely well after an illness
 c to fight to get better when you are ill or injured
 d to become 100% fit again after an illness
 e to get better after an illness or injury

- 4 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 0 It takes a long time to recover from some diseases.
 1 My dad was badly injured at work but doctors are sure he will _____ a full recovery.
 2 I felt terrible after my illness but I'm _____ to full fitness now.
 3 It took me almost a year to _____ my strength after my illness.
 4 Mr Chambers died last month at the age of 87 after a long battle _____ ill health.



REMEMBER THIS

There are many time expressions used to describe past events in English:

At the same time - used to refer to two events which took place at the same moment: *In 2013, I broke my leg and had to go to hospital. At the same time (= when I broke my leg), Helen fell off her horse and also went to hospital.*

By this time = already: *We left hospital in July. By this time, we were in love.*

At times = sometimes: *I usually like my sister but, at times, she makes me angry.*

- 5 Read REMEMBER THIS. Complete the sentences with the correct time expressions.

- 0 I left school in 2014. At the same time my brother left university and got a job.
 1 On July 10th, I went back to the hospital. _____ my leg was much better.
 2 I go jogging every morning. _____, I hate it and want to stay in bed but usually I'm happy to get up and do some exercise.
 3 I started to cross the road. _____ a cyclist came round the corner. He hit me and I hurt my leg.
 4 My dad started to support Liverpool in the 1980s. _____, they were the best team in England.

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- 6 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in capitals.

- 0 Sam is a very keen swimmer. He swims every day before school. **SWIM**
 1 I'd like to be a tennis ^a_____. I ^b_____ in a competition last year and came second. **PLAY**
 2 Why do so many _____ have tattoos all over their arms? **FOOTBALL**
 3 With those clothes on, you look like a real ^a_____. It's strange because you can't stand ^b_____ or do any other kind of exercise! **JOG**
 4 I like ^a_____ but I don't think it's a good idea for ^b_____ to ride on the road in the centre of town. It's very busy. **CYCLE**
 5 I read a book about a ^a_____ who ^b_____ around the world alone. **SAIL**
 6 Some of the very experienced ^a_____ go really fast near the beginners. ^b_____ can be very dangerous and it's important to be careful. **SKI**