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English Language 2 – Year 6

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.

Example:-

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Read the story on the right for questions 1-4.

1. **This student is in Year**
(a) seven. (b) four. (c) six. (d) eight.
2. **The first paragraph mainly discusses**
(a) eating pizza.
(b) playing softball.
(c) doing homework.
(d) finding her name on the list.
3. **Which of the following best describes how the girl felt when she saw her name on the list?**
(a) nervous (b) happy (c) angry (d) sad
4. **Which of the following is true?**
(a) Her father taught her to play softball.
(b) She has played softball since she was two.
(c) Her older brother taught her to play softball.
(d) Her brother took her to the school to check the team list.
5. **What does 'tryout' mean?**
(a) Part of a team. (b) Scoring goals.
(c) Nervous. (d) Put to the test.
6. **The girl learned to play softball**
(a) in Year 6. (b) in the Year 2.
(c) in Year 5. (d) at the age of two.
7. **The word warned means**
(a) notified in advance. (b) shouted.
(c) celebrated. (d) joined a team.
8. **From the information given, what year is the girl's brother probably in?**
(a) Year 2 (b) middle school
(c) Year 3 (d) Year 9
9. **Softball is a game very similar to**
(a) golf. (b) hockey.
(c) cricket. (d) baseball.
10. **Which word from the story shows us that the girl was not that confident in her ability?**
(a) honour (b) nervous
(c) prepare (d) tryouts

Making the Team

It has been my lifelong dream to play on the middle school softball team. I began playing softball when I was in Year 2 at school. My older brother taught me to play. He is three years older than I am. He practises with me every afternoon and always attends my games with my parents.

This year, I started Year 6. The middle school softball team tryouts were announced last month. Every day since the announcement, my brother has helped me prepare for the team tryouts. The tryouts were held last Saturday morning. Twenty-three students from my grade tried out for the team. The team only has spaces for five Year 6 students. I know I worked as hard as I could to prepare for the tryouts. I felt like I had done a good job at the tryouts, but I was still nervous on Saturday night and Sunday morning, waiting for the team list to be posted. On Sunday afternoon, my parents took me to the school to see who had made the team. I was so happy when I saw my name on the list. It is so exciting to be a part of the team.

When we left the school, my parents said we should go out for pizza. It would just be a little family celebration in my honour. They called my brother, and he met us at the restaurant. He walked in with a big smile on his face. He was really proud of me. My parents were very proud too, although they warned me about keeping my grades up and making sure I did all my homework every day. They do not need to worry about those things. I'll work very hard to stay on the team.

