

Audioscript “The Paralympic Games”

Interviewer: Welcome back to our show “Young Athletes”. Today we’re talking to eleven-year-old Martha Dirksen. How are you Martha?

Martha: I’m fine, thanks. It’s nice to be here.

Interviewer: So Martha, you love playing tennis, right?

Martha: I do! I practice almost every day. There’s a court near my school.

Interviewer: Martha is a special tennis player. Martha plays wheelchair tennis, and she dreams of being in the Paralympic Games one day. Isn’t that right, Martha?

Martha: Yes, that’s right.

Interviewer: Is it difficult to play wheelchair tennis?

Martha: Well, I’m used to it but, yes, it’s difficult sometimes.

Interviewer: To play wheelchair tennis, players need to move their wheelchairs quickly on the court and hit the ball too.

Martha: You do make it sound difficult.

Interviewer: Do you have any sports heroes, Martha?

Martha: Yes! I think David Wagner is amazing! He has lots of medals.

Interviewer: True. David Wagner is from the United States and he is one of the best wheelchair tennis players in the world.

Martha: He is! He’s a really strong player. He gets up early every day to play tennis.

Interviewer: How about you? Do you get up early every day to play tennis?

Martha: Well, I get up at half past six to get ready for school. I have breakfast at eight o’clock and then I take the bus to school. After school, I have tennis practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I usually get home at about five o’clock.

Interviewer: Wow! I get tired just listening to your day! What do you do at weekends?

Martha: Uhhh... Not much. I have competitions at the weekend.

Interviewer: Well, let’s hope we see you in the Paralympic Games one day.

Martha: I hope so!

Interviewer: That’s all the time we have today. Many thanks for joining us Martha and good luck to you.

Martha: Thank you.

ex.1 Listen to an interview with Martha Dirksen about a Paralympic sport.
What sport does she do?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Ex. 2 Listen again and read the sentences.

Are they right or wrong?

1. Martha often has tennis practice. -
2. She wants to take part in the Paralympic Games one day.-
3. Martha thinks it's hard to play wheelchair tennis. -
4. Tennis players move their wheelchairs fast and hit the balls.-
5. David Wagner often wins his games. –

Ex. 3 Listen again and complete the table.

You can use only one word. Write the numbers in words.

1. Martha is	_____ years old.
2. Her court is	near her _____ .
3. David Wagner is from	the _____ .
4. Martha usually has breakfast	at _____ o'clock.
5. She has tennis practice	_____ days a week.
6. Martha has competitions	at the _____ .

Was it easy or difficult to listen to the interview?

Choose and underline your variant.

Very easy easy quite easy quite difficult difficult very difficult