

## Before-reading questions

*Reader's own answers.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 “Serena Williams is the number-one female tennis player of all time.”
- 2 Serena’s family did not have money for tennis lessons. Serena had to play on old tennis courts, and her rackets and balls were very old.
- 3 They did not like her because she was black.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Richard and Oracene
- 2 Because Serena and Venus started playing tennis at Rick Macci’s academy.
- 3 Richard and Oracene started teaching them at home so they could play more tennis.
- 4 Sometimes people said horrible things about Serena and Venus, and this racism made Richard and Oracene sad.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 No
- 2 She won her first grand slam tournament – Wimbledon – in the doubles with Max Mirnyi.
- 3 They loved playing together in doubles matches.
- 4 Some people said horrible things about Serena because she was black.
- 5 Twenty years old

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because she had a problem with her knee.
- 2 A man killed her.
- 3 Serena learned about Africa’s people. She worked with charities and made schools for children in many African countries.
- 4 Because she walked on some glass.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Two gold medals – one in the singles and one in the doubles with Venus.
- 2 She worked hard for female tennis players and for working women.
- 3 Alexis Ohanian
- 4 Yes

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 She started her own fashion business.
- 2 In the news, and in sport and fashion books
- 3 Women, black people and young people
- 4 She loves playing tennis, and she loves being a mum. She loves helping people, and she loves working hard.

## After-reading questions

### 1 *Model answer:*

Serena works hard for female tennis players and for working women. She talks about the problems for mums, and for working mums. She has a fashion business. She helps women, black people, and young people with their new businesses. She works with many charities. Serena is often on television, and she writes books and for the news. She is also a mother.

### 2 *Model answer:*

Serena’s early life was difficult because her family did not have a lot of money. She learned to play tennis on old tennis courts. Some people did not like her because she was black.

### 3 *Model answer:*

She is successful because she works very hard.

### 4 *Reader's own answer.*

## Exercises

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 Yes, she is.

- 2 No, it wasn't.
- 3 No, they didn't.
- 4 Yes, they were.
- 5 Yes, they did.
- 6 No, it didn't.

## CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Serena was **born** on 26th September 1981 in Michigan, USA.
- 2 The Williams family **moved** to Compton, California.
- 3 Serena won many tennis **tournaments** for children.
- 4 Rick Macci had a famous tennis **academy** in Florida.
- 5 A **business** gave Serena and Venus some money, and the family moved to Florida.
- 6 Sometimes people said **horrible** things about Serena and Venus.
- 7 In 1995, Serena was **professional** – tennis was her job.

## CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 Serena **stopped** playing in tennis tournaments for one year.
- 2 Serena **worked** hard, and she played good tennis.
- 3 Venus **was** a very good tennis player, too.
- 4 In September 1999, Serena **won** the US Open tournament.
- 5 Serena **did** not play at Indian Wells for fourteen years.
- 6 Serena was very happy. She **could** not stop smiling.
- 7 Serena **played** Venus, and she won every match.

## CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 false
- 2 true
- 3 false
- 4 false

- 5 false
- 6 true
- 7 true

## CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 **b** The next five years **were** very successful for Serena.
- 2 **a** In many sports, men and women do not **make** the same money.
- 3 **c** At breakfast, a man **came** and sat at Serena's table.
- 4 **b** On 1st September 2017, Serena and Alexis **had** a baby daughter.
- 5 **c** Serena loved being a mum, but she **was** very tired.
- 6 **a** Serena **worked** hard, and, in 2018, she came second at Wimbledon.

## CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 Serena loves clothes and **fashion**.
- 2 Serena is happy with her clothes and with her **body**.
- 3 Serena helps people with their new **businesses**.
- 4 Serena works with many **charities**.
- 5 Serena is often on **television**, and she writes books.
- 6 This is not the **end** of Serena's story.

## ALL CHAPTERS

- 7 *Model answers:*
  - 1 Her name is Serena Williams. She is a tennis player, a mother and a businesswoman.
  - 2 Her name is Venus Williams. She is Serena's sister. She is also a tennis player.
  - 3 His name is Richard Williams. He is Serena's father. He learned about tennis from books and started teaching it to Serena.
  - 4 Her name is Oracene Williams. She is Serena's mother. She had five daughters.
  - 5 His name is Alexis Ohanian. He is Serena's husband. He watched her play tennis in Rome.

- 6 Her name is Alexis Olympia Ohanian Junior.  
She is Serena and Alexis's daughter.

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*