

SPEAKING

Карточка участника

Set 1 Student 1: TATYANA TARASOVA

Preparation – 15 minutes

Prepare to speak about **TATYANA TARASOVA** using the Fact File.

You will have to comment on:

- her biography;
- sporting career;
- coaching career;
- interesting facts.

Task 1

1. Monologue. Time: 3-4 minutes.

Your English School Club is participating in the contest for the best name of the new Sports Centre in your town. Your candidate is **TATYANA TARASOVA**. You have to present the information about this athlete and coach at the Club meeting.

You need to

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- persuade your fellow students that your candidate would be the best choice;
- remember to make an introduction and conclusion.

You can make notes during the preparation time, but you **are not allowed to read them** when you answer.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

Now answer 2 questions from your partner, who wants to get **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**, not mentioned in your presentation.

Task 2

Now your fellow student is presenting his/her candidate.

1. Listen to your partner's presentation.

2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

Ask 2 **QUESTIONS about TATYANA POKROVSKAYA** to get **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 15 minutes

YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE RECORDED

Fact File

Set 1. Student 1. TATYANA TARASOVA



Tatyana Tarasova is a world-leading figure skating coach, who has coached more world and Olympic champions than any other coach has.

Biography

Tatyana Anatolyevna Tarasova was born **on February 13, 1947**, in Moscow into the family of Anatoly Tarasov, a legendary coach of the CSKA hockey club. At the age of four Tatyana started learning to skate. From the age of six, she went to classes on her own. Every morning Tanya and her sister Galya did exercises and ran for half an hour in any weather. Tatyana also played hockey with boys and had a sports category in diving. In 1979, Tarasova graduated from the Institute of Physical Education. She has been married three times. Her third husband, a musician and pianist - Vladimir Krainev, supported his wife in every possible way and helped with programmes for competitions. Unfortunately, the couple didn't have children.

Sporting career

Tarasova competed in pair skating with Aleksandr Tikhomirov and Georgi Proskurin. For a short period of time Elena Tchaikovskaya, a famous Soviet figure skating coach, trained Tarasova and Proskurin and they became two-time Soviet national medalists. They were 7th at the 1965 World Championship and 4th at the 1966 European Championship. Finally, they won the Winter Universiade of 1966. However, at the age of 18, Tarasova sustained a career-ending injury.

Coaching career

At the age of 19 Tarasova started coaching at her father's insistence. Among Tatyana's first skaters, there were such pairs as Zharkova-Karponosov and Moiseeva-Minenkov. In 1975, Irina Moiseeva and Andrei Minenkov sensationally won the World Championship. After that, Tatyana Anatolyevna was given the title of Honoured Trainer of the USSR, becoming the youngest one to be awarded it. A dedicated and talented coach, she has managed to train athletes capable of winning the most prestigious awards in the world of figure skating. Tarasova's skaters have 41 gold medals of the World and European Championships and seven gold medals of the Olympic Games.

In the late 90s, Tarasova had to leave Russia for the USA. She coached skaters for ten years at the International Skating Center of Connecticut and had a hand in the success of athletes of

different nationalities. In 2006, after announcing her retirement from full-time coaching, Tatyana Anatolyevna moved back to Russia and headed the jury of popular competitions: “Stars on Ice” and “Ice Age”. In 2008, she was inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

Interesting facts

In 1993, Tatyana Tarasova and Elena Tchaikovskaya created the All Stars ice theatre, which toured the world (with a cast of famous figure skaters) for 14 years. Tarasova was the director of such performances as “The Nutcracker”, “The Snow Queen” and the ice musical “Sleeping Beauty”.

In 2002, Tarasova’s autobiographical book “Beauty and the Beast” was released. She dedicated it to behind-the-scenes secrets of sports and show business. In this book she thanked her parents, who had helped her to choose the profession.

Together with her husband, Vladimir Krainev, a musician, Tatyana Anatolyevna created music for 18 programmes for her students.

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Set 2 Student 2: TATYANA POKROVSKAYA

Preparation – 15 minutes

Prepare to speak about **TATYANA POKROVSKAYA** using the Fact File.

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- her biography;
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- coaching career;
- interesting facts.

Task 1

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2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

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Task 2

Now your fellow student is presenting his/her candidate.

3. Listen to your partner's presentation.

4. *Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes*

Ask 2 QUESTIONS about TATYANA TARASOVA to get ADDITIONAL INFORMATION not mentioned in the presentation.

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Set 2. Student 2. TATYANA POKROVSKAYA



Tatyana Pokrovskaya is a Soviet and Russian coach, Head coach of the Russian synchronized swimming team (since 1998) and Vice-President of the Russian Synchronized Swimming Federation.

Biography

Tatiana Nikolaevna Pokrovskaya was born **on June 5, 1950** into an army officer's family. At that time, her parents lived in Arkhangelsk Region. When the girl was 8, her family moved to Magnitogorsk.

After school, Tatiana decided to dedicate her efforts solely to artistic gymnastics. She entered the State Central Lenin Order Institute of Physical Culture. In 1971, she got married, graduated from the institute with honours, and began working as a physical education teacher in Moldova. In 1972, her daughter, Ekaterina, was born and the family moved to Elektrostal, Moscow region, where Tatyana Nikolaevna worked as an artistic gymnastics coach. But in 1981, she started training the USSR team and then the Russian synchronized swimming team. In 1991, she was appointed Head coach of the national team. However, after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Pokrovskaya left for Spain and then Brazil where she stayed for almost five years. In 1996, she came back to Russia and took her rightful place as Head coach of the Russian synchronized swimming team.

Sporting career

Tanya dreamt of becoming a ballerina from an early age. In Magnitogorsk she took up artistic gymnastics and a year later she joined a ballet studio. Later, on the advice of her ballet studio teacher, her parents sent Tatiana to the Perm Ballet School. But studying far from home turned out to be too challenging. The girl returned home and resumed doing artistic gymnastics. In the 7th form, she became a candidate for Master of Sports and competed for the Chelyabinsk region team. While studying at institute Tatiana competed for the Moscow team and had excellent prospects. However, after the marriage she chose to move to Moldova, where her husband served.

Coaching career

Under Pokrovskaya's guidance, the Russian team has become winners at the Olympic Games six times since 2000.

In the World Cups, the Russian team won gold medals in 1999 in Korea (duet, team and solo events) and in 2002 in Switzerland (duet and team events). In 2006 in Japan and in 2010 in China, the team won awards in all events:-

Since 2007 Tatiana Pokrovskaya's swimmers have become winners in all events in the World Championships in Australia, Japan, Spain, Canada, Italy and China (six times).

There are also many gold and silver medals in FINA Trophy competitions and in Universiades.

Interesting facts

In 2013, in the memory of her beloved husband and granddaughter, Tatiana Pokrovskaya staged the penetrating composition "Prayer," which allowed her swimmers to win gold medals at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The spectators were stunned.

Pokrovskaya's favourite pet was a dog, Yorkshire terrier, Daniel. The home favourite did not miss a single training session. Now the dog is the symbol of the Russian national team in synchronized swimming.

Set 3 Student 1: IRINA VINER

Preparation – 15 minutes

Prepare to speak about **IRINA VINER** using the Fact File.

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Task 1

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2. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

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Task 2

Now your fellow student is presenting his/her candidate.

5. Listen to your partner's presentation.

6. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

Ask 2 **QUESTIONS about ETERI TUTBERIDZE** to get **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** not mentioned in the presentation.

2 presentations and questions – 15 minutes

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Set 3. Student 1. IRINA VINER



Irina Viner is Head Trainer of the Russian team, Head of the Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation and widely seen as a leading power broker in Russian sports.

Biography

Irina Alexandrovna Viner was born in Samarkand, Soviet Union, on **July 30, 1948**. Her father was a renowned painter, and her mother was a doctor. As a young girl, Viner aspired to become a ballet dancer but was discouraged from pursuing a career in dancing. Instead, she took up gymnastics at the age of 11. She graduated from the Uzbek State Institute of Physical Culture. Viner has a son, Anton, from her first marriage. He was born in 1973 and is now a businessman, president of the development company *Khimki Groups*.

Sporting career

Irina Viner's personal sports achievements in rhythmic gymnastics are remarkable. As a young gymnast, Viner quickly rose to prominence and became a three-time champion of the Uzbek SSR. Her talent and dedication led her to excel in the sport, showcasing her incredible skills and artistry. Viner's performances captivated audiences and established her as a trailblazer in rhythmic gymnastics.

Coaching career

Viner's career as a coach is nothing short of extraordinary. She is known for her talent to grow up Olympic champions. Viner's coaching journey began in Tashkent, where she worked as a coach of the national team in rhythmic gymnastics. Under her tutelage, Venera Zaripova became her first successful gymnast. In 1990, Viner briefly moved to Great Britain to coach the British national team. However, she eventually settled in Moscow and joined the Moscow City Sports Association (MCSA). In 2001, she was appointed Head Coach of the Russian National Team. Her dedication and expertise led to her appointment as President of the Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation in 2008. Her pupils have achieved remarkable success in rhythmic gymnastics, with five of the last six Olympic all-around champions being trained by her. These champions include Margarita Mamun, Evgeniya Kanaeva, Alina Kabaeva, and Yulia Barsukova. Viner's coaching talent has also produced numerous Olympic, World, European, and World Cup medal winners.

Irina Viner's impact on rhythmic gymnastics is unparalleled. Her dedication, expertise, and ability to guide her pupils to glory have solidified her status as one of the most successful gymnastics coaches of all time. As President of the Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation and head trainer of the Russian team, Viner continues to shape the future of this captivating sport.

Interesting facts

Viner's contributions to the world of gymnastics have not gone unnoticed. In 2015, she was awarded the Olympic Order, becoming the first gymnastics coach in history to receive this prestigious award. The Olympic Order was presented to her by Thomas Bach, the President of the International Olympic Committee.

In addition to her coaching accomplishments, Viner has also made appearances in the media. She was featured in the 2017 documentary "Over the Limit," which followed her training of Margarita Mamun in preparation for the 2016 Olympics.

She has always been fond of music. While at school, she played in the school theatre and enjoyed ballet dancing.

Set 4 Student 2: ETERI TUTBERIDZE

Preparation – 15 minutes

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Task 1

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Task 2

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7. Listen to your partner's presentation.

8. Questions/ Answers: Time: 2- 3 minutes

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2 presentations and questions – 15 minutes

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Fact File

Set 4. Student 2. ETERI TUTBERIDZE



Eteri Tutberidze is a Georgian-Russian figure skating coach who works mainly with female single skaters. She is head coach at the Sambo 70 skating club in Moscow.

Biography

Eteri Georgievna Tutberidze was born 24 February 1974 in Moscow. The youngest of five children, she is half-Georgian, a quarter Russian, and a quarter Armenian. Her mother was a senior engineer at the Ministry of Agricultural Construction and her father worked at the Likhachev plant's foundry and as a taxi driver.

Tutberidze studied at the Academy of Physical Education and received a degree in choreography from the Institute of Contemporary Art. She worked in ice shows in the US for six years in the 1990s. She is the mother of figure skater Diana Davis. Diana had been coached by her mother as a single skater until 2016 when, at the insistence of her mother, she opted for ice dance.

Sporting career

Tutberidze began skating at the age of four and a half. After sustaining a spinal fracture and growing 22 cm, she switched from singles to ice dancing. She was coached by Lidia Kabanova for two years and then joined Elena Tchaikovskaya, who paired her with Vyacheslav Chichekin. Tutberidze then switched to Gennady Akkerman, her coach for the next three years. She skated with Alexei Kiliakov until he emigrated to the United States.

During the 1991–1992 season, Tutberidze trained under Tatiana Tarasova before deciding to perform in ice shows. Appearing as an adagio pair skater with Nikolai Apter, she toured with Ice Capades for several years. She worked in ice shows in the US for six years in the 1990s, including the show in Oklahoma at the time of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, for which she received compensation as a survivor. She decided to return to Russia and start from scratch.

Coaching career

Tutberidze started her career as a skating coach in San Antonio, Texas. After returning to Russia, she coached at several Moscow rinks, including a hockey rink *Serebrianyi*, where ice time was limited for figure skaters. She then moved to Sambo 70, a children's and youth sports school in Moscow. She is now head coach at this skating club. She has coached several Russian skaters to success in international competitions, including Olympic and World champion Anna Shcherbakova, Olympic silver medalist Alexandra Trusova, Olympic Team champion Kamila Valieva, European Champion Alena Kostornaia, Olympic and World champion Alina Zagitova,

two-time World champion and two-time Olympic silver medalist Evgenia Medvedeva, and Olympic Team champion Yulia Lipnitskaya.

The aphorism of Russian generalissimus Alexander Suvorov “Hard training makes battles easy” perfectly illustrates the rules installed by Tutberidze on the ‘Khrustalny’ rink: be two heads above your opponent and you will never get unfairly judged by the jury.

Interesting facts

The best coach at the ISU (International Skating Union) in 2020 and the woman behind a number of champion titles for her charges, Eteri Tutberidze is an indomitable fighter. She had to quit the sport because of an injury, but she came back triumphantly as a coach.

A good half of her students’ iconic programmes are her personal revelations. Medvedeva’s ‘Hear/Don’t Hear’ programme is a story about Eteri’s daughter Diana Davis, who lost her hearing as a result of side-effects from taking antibiotics.