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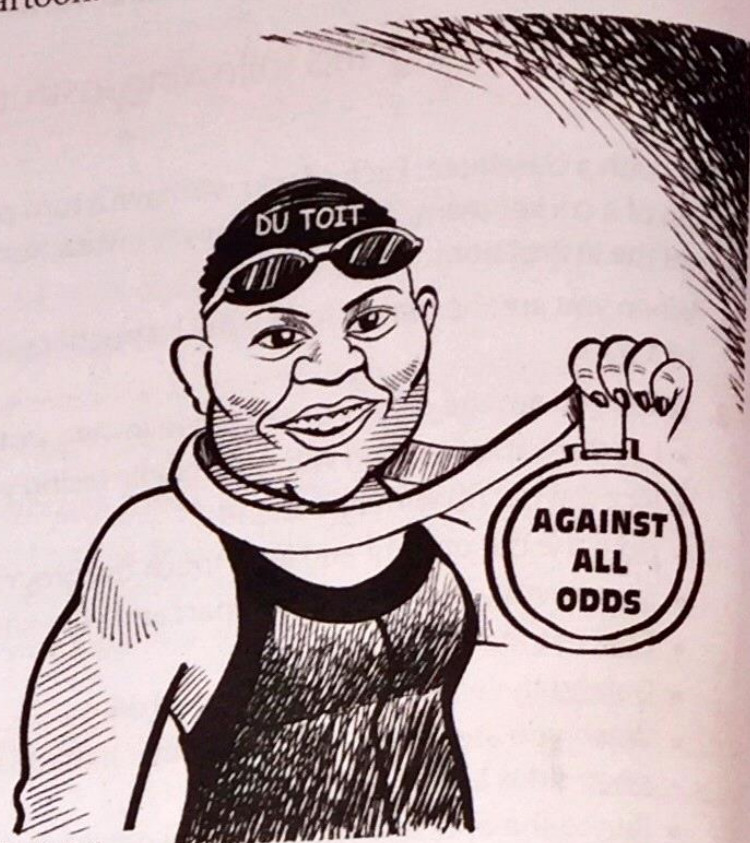
amputated: a part of a limb (arm or leg) has been removed

Paralympic Games: international sporting event where athletes with physical and mental disabilities compete

inspire: fill with enthusiasm or motivation

Unit 2 A cartoon

Study the following cartoon.



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The South African swimmer in the cartoon above is Natalie du Toit. When she was 17 years old, her left leg had to be **amputated** below the knee after a serious accident. She is best known for the gold medals she won at the 2004 **Paralympic Games**. She even qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games and swam against able-bodied swimmers! She was the first South African to win a gold medal at the 2012 Paralympic Games.

Activity 2.1 Discussing a cartoon: pair work

30 minutes

- Look at the information in the bottom left corner of the cartoon.
 - What is the name of the cartoonist? (1)
 - When did the cartoonist draw the cartoon? (1)
- In the cartoon Natalie du Toit looks full of pride. The cartoonist drew her with a ____ face. (Give one word for *full of pride*.) (1)
- Look at the people in the background of the cartoon.
 - How do you know that these people support Natalie? (3)
 - Which two punctuation marks are missing on the banner? (2)
- The words **AGAINST ALL ODDS** are written on Natalie's medal.
 - Explain to each other what it means to win against all odds. (1)
 - Why are these words written on the medal? Give your opinion. (1)
- Does Natalie du Toit **inspire** you? Explain your answer. (2)

Total: 12 marks

★ Tip

Use a dictionary and look under the headword 'odds'.

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Introduce this unit by telling learners that the creator of a cartoon is called a *cartoonist*. Learners need to know that a cartoon published in a newspaper generally comments on a newsworthy event and that facial expressions and body language help the viewer to understand the purpose of the cartoon.

You may want to focus learners' attention to the bottom left corner of the cartoon on page 88 in the *Learner's Book*. Guide them to see that the cartoon was published in *The Citizen*. Then read the paragraph underneath the cartoon with the learners and ask them on what newsworthy event this cartoon comments. They should deduce from both texts that the cartoon comments on Natalie du Toit's victory at the 2012 Paralympic Games.



Note

You may need to explain the meaning of *Paralympic Games* to learners before they answer the questions that follow.

Activity 2.1 Discussing a cartoon: pair work

Learner's Book page 88

30 minutes

Allow learners to work in pairs. They will need a dictionary.

1. **a)** The cartoonist's name is Siwela. (1)
b) The cartoonist drew the cartoon on 1 September 2012. (1)
2. proud (1)
3. **a)** Award three marks for three good points, for example:
 The images of the South African flag above the spectators indicate that they support South African athletes (✓). The supporters hold a banner that congratulates Natalie (✓). They throw their hands into the air to show their excitement (✓). Their facial expressions show excitement (✓). One supporter plays a vuvuzela, which indicates enthusiastic support (✓). (3)
b) A comma (✓) and an exclamation mark (✓) are missing.
 (The banner should read: *Well done, Natalie!*) (2)
4. **a)** It means that there was not a good chance to win. (1)
b) Award a mark for any answer that makes sense, for example:
 She is much older than when she competed in 2004. She still won. (1)
5. Award two marks for a well-motivated answer, for example:
 Natalie du Toit does inspire me because she did not stop trying to make the best of her life after she had lost her leg. (2)

Total: 12 marks