

1. *Nearly twenty-two hours later, the exhausted man staggered onto French soil at Calais and became an instant hero.*

Find and **copy two** different words from the sentence above that show how tired Matthew Webb was.

1. _____

2. _____

1 mark

2. What event made Matthew Webb want to swim the English Channel?

1 mark

3. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Twenty-seven-year-old Webb...*

Find and **copy one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'motivated'.

1 mark

4. Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
Matthew Webb's first attempt to swim the English Channel was not successful.		
The first successful swim of the English Channel was in 1872.		
J.B. Thompson and Matthew Webb swam the English Channel in 1875.		
Matthew Webb took twenty hours to swim the English Channel.		

2 marks

5. Name **two** of the hardships that Matthew Webb faced in swimming the English Channel and explain how he dealt with them.

1. Hardship:

How he dealt with it:

2. Hardship:

How he dealt with it:

2 marks

6. **Find** and **copy** a group of words that tells you that the drinks of ale, brandy and beef tea given to Matthew Webb would be considered unusual today.

1 mark

7. Why do slow Channel swimmers swim further than faster swimmers?

1 mark

8. Look at the section headed: ***Frequently asked questions.***

How long did the fastest swim across the Channel take?

1 mark

9. Look at the section headed: ***Frequently asked questions.***

Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
The temperature of the water in the Channel can range from 12°C to 18°C.		
Water with a temperature of 18°C is too cold to swim in.		

The direct distance across the Channel is approximately 21 miles.		
Faster swimmers do not swim as many miles across the Channel.		

2 marks

10. In what year did the French authorities make it illegal for people to swim from France to England?

1 mark

11. Look at the section headed: **Safe to swim?**

Find and copy one word which shows that swimming the Channel is illegal in France.

1 mark

12. David Walliams was determined to be successful in his attempt to swim the English Channel.

Give **one** piece of evidence from the text which shows this.

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1 mark

13. Which of the following would be the most suitable summary of the whole text?

Tick **one**.

The Life of David Walliams

A Sporting Challenge

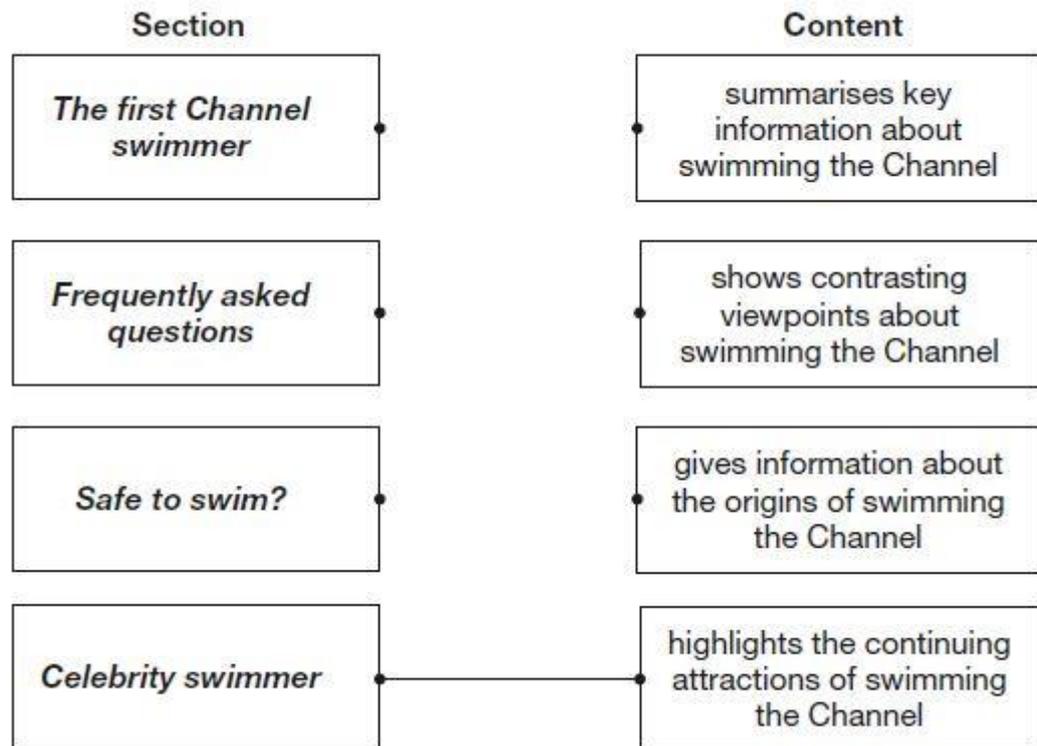
Sailing the Channel

Training for Survival

1 mark

14. Draw lines to match each section to its main content.

One has been done for you.



1 mark