

Story Title: Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion



Author: _____

Genre: _____

Write a sentence that tells the main idea of this story.

◆ Practice reading each vocabulary word. Match each word to its definition. Practice using each word in a sentence aloud.

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| 1. amateur | _____ | a. people who decide who wins a contest |
| 2. artistic | _____ | b. having to do with technique |
| 3. compete | _____ | c. the parts of which something is made up |
| 4. elements | _____ | d. urgent or forceful demand |
| 5. judges | _____ | e. to take part in a contest |
| 6. presentation | _____ | f. someone who participates in an athletic activity for fun rather than for money |
| 7. pressure | _____ | g. performance |
| 8. required | _____ | h. necessary; essential |
| 9. technical | _____ | i. showing skill and good taste |

Write a sentence with the word artistic. _____

Choose a different vocabulary word and write a sentence with it. _____

Vocabulary Practice and Comprehension - Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. What is the highest score an amateur skater can receive from a judge? _____

2. What is the difference between artistic and technical elements? _____

3. How does Michelle feel when she competes for the judges on television? _____

4. How would you handle the pressure before a big presentation? _____

5. What happens if skaters don't include the required elements in their programs? _____

Fact and Opinion - Complete the chart below to show if each statement is a fact or an opinion.

Statement	Fact or Opinion?	
Education is more important than training.	Fact	Opinion
At that time, Tonya Harding was the only American woman who could do a triple Axel.	Fact	Opinion
Michelle was ready to move to the Senior level in 1992.	Fact	Opinion
Frank Carroll was the greatest ice skating coach in history.	Fact	Opinion
Michelle Kwan loves a challenge!	Fact	Opinion
Michelle could do triple jumps at a very young age.	Fact	Opinion
Judges deduct points for missing elements.	Fact	Opinion
Skaters practice for hours each day.	Fact	Opinion

Compound Words - A **compound word** is a word made by combining two smaller words. Circle the compound word in each sentence. Then, write the meaning of the compound word.

1. Michelle's footwork was perfect during the practice routine.

Meaning: _____

2. Michelle was nervous as she paced back and forth before her freeskate performance.

Meaning: _____

3. Michelle had to work hard to keep up with her schoolwork during her hectic competition schedule.

Meaning: _____