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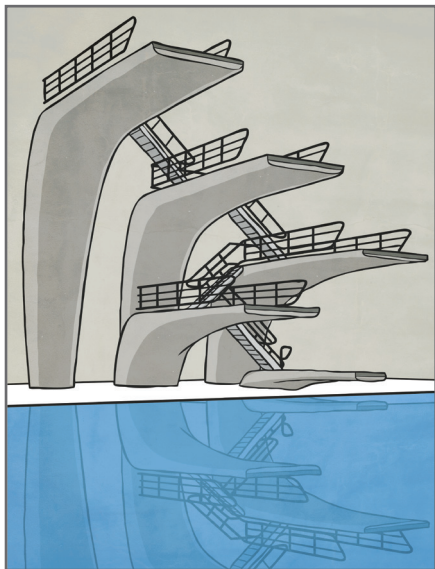
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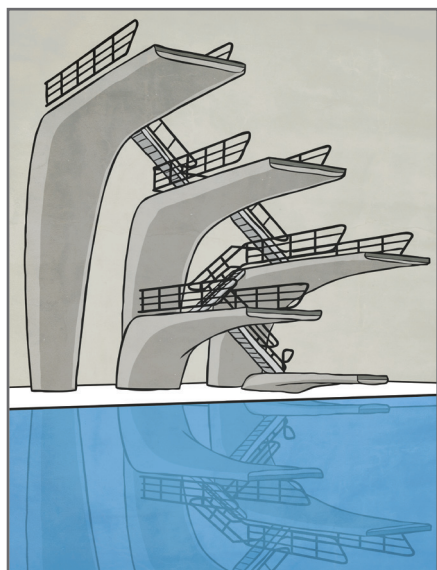
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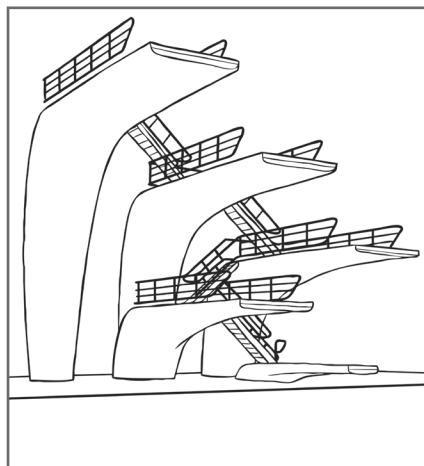
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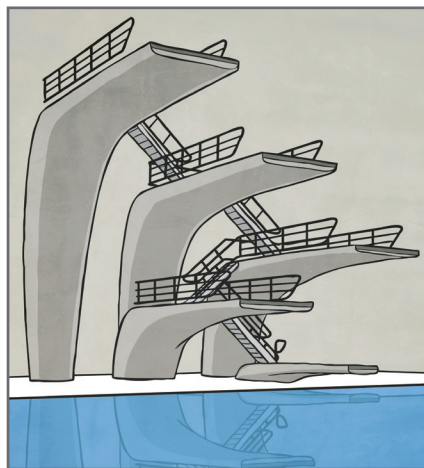
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# Y6 Information Text: Biography Example Text

## Annotated Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Features

All text: Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar taught in previous years is demonstrated throughout the text.

<sup>2</sup> formal vocabulary and sentence structure that matches the formality of the text

<sup>3</sup> a range of linking words/phrases, including adverbials, to join sentences and paragraphs together (e.g. first, then, after, while, significantly, likewise, for instance etc.) as well as repetition and ellipsis

<sup>4</sup> passive verbs (e.g. The Spanish team were beaten by France or The sweets were eaten by the children.)

<sup>5</sup> modal verbs (e.g. can, could, should, would, etc.)

<sup>6</sup> multi-clause sentences

<sup>7</sup> single clause sentence for effect - short and snappy sentence

<sup>8</sup> relative clauses within sentences starting with who, which, where, when, whose and that. (e.g. My mum, who is a great chef, cooked dinner for me.)

After the success of the 2012 Games<sup>3&9</sup>, Tom returned to training and school,<sup>13</sup> studying hard for his exams. He became a celebrity supporter of ChildLine, a children's helpline run by the NSPCC,<sup>15</sup> and revealed that he<sup>2</sup> had been bullied<sup>4</sup> earlier in his schooldays. Because of this,<sup>3&9</sup> Tom's parents moved him to a new school<sup>9;16</sup>; he was much happier there.

Competition success continued meanwhile<sup>2</sup>, and in 2016, Tom was selected for the Rio Olympics. He was hugely<sup>10</sup> disappointed not to win a medal in the individual event but that was partly<sup>10</sup> forgotten when he and partner Daniel Goodfellow won bronze<sup>8</sup> in the synchronised 10m dive<sup>11</sup>.

His fourth appearance at the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2021 (at the age of 27)<sup>15</sup> saw Tom finally<sup>10</sup> win a gold, when he and his partner, Matty Lee,<sup>13</sup> gained the highest score from the judges,<sup>8</sup> in the men's 10-metre synchronised diving event.<sup>11</sup>

### Dedicated Sportsman

Tom is seen<sup>4</sup> as an inspiration for young sports fans across the United Kingdom<sup>10</sup>. His determination<sup>18</sup> and willingness to train incredibly<sup>10</sup> hard make him an excellent role model. As Tom says, "Oh, you have to want it more than anything<sup>10</sup>. It has to be the biggest thing in your life – otherwise why would<sup>5</sup> you do it?"<sup>12</sup>

### Family Life

Tom Daley married Dustin Lance Black, LGBTQ+ rights activist, film and TV producer, director and screenwriter, in 2017<sup>2</sup>. They met at an industry event, with Daley later saying that it was, "a real love-at-first-sight thing"<sup>12</sup>. They both have a child together, whose<sup>3</sup> name is Robert Ray Black-Daley. The family live together in London<sup>7</sup>.

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