

Unit 2

Prose

The Queen of Boxing

M.C. Mary Kom



Warm Up

❖ We use various sports equipment to play different indoor and outdoor games. Now, associate the following sports equipment with their corresponding sports or games.

spear, racket, pawns, puck, stump, bow & arrow, club, oar, striker, sabre, dice, baton,

❖ Have you won any medals? What are the levels to be accomplished to become an international sportsperson?

❖ What is your favourite sport? Do you play any sport?

❖ In India, the number of women pursuing careers in sports is considerably less, when compared to men. What do you think are the reasons? Discuss with a partner and share the ideas with the class.

❖ Regardless of the challenges faced, some women have achieved great success in the field of sports. Here is a list of Indian women celebrities who are accomplished in the field of sports and games. Match their names with the sports or games they are associated with, by drawing lines. One has been done for you as an example.

Names of personalities	Sports / Games
PV Sindhu	golf
Geeta Phogat	weightlifting
Koneru Humpy	swimming
Karnam Malleshwari	badminton
Anjali Bhagwat	cricket
Sania Mirza	hockey
Dipika Pallikal	archery
Bula Choudhury	athletics
P.T. Usha	wrestling
Saba Anjum Karim	chess
Akanksha Singh	shooting
Mithali Raj	basketball
Sharmila Nicollet	squash
Deepika Kumari	tennis

The autobiographies of accomplished sportspersons are replete with the challenges they faced and their single-minded pursuit towards their goal. Such a book is sure to make an interesting as well as an inspirational read. Now, read an excerpt from M.C. Mary Kom's autobiography 'Unbreakable'.

Soon after the Bangkok championship, I was selected in the 48kg category for the International Boxing Association (originally the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, or