

Understanding the text

- 1 What is the article about?
- 2 How long did it take for Paula to run the London Marathon:
 - a in 2003?
 - b twelve years later?
- 3 Where was Paula born?
- 4 What did she suffer from as a child?
- 5 How many times did she win:

a the London Marathon?	b the New York Marathon?
c the Chicago Marathon?	

Looking at language

- 6 The article tells us that the British people 'took Paula to their hearts'. Explain in your own words how people felt about her.
- 7 Explain the meaning of these words as they are used in the article. Use a dictionary to help you.

a anaemia

b illustrious

c victorious

d legion

e determination

f outlined

Exploring the article

- 8 Find evidence in the article that suggests Paula will not stop running entirely.
- 9 How do you know that Kim Thomas is a keen fan of the sport?
- 10 Do you think it is a good headline? Why? Why not?
- 11 There are six paragraphs in the article. Briefly summarise what each one is about.
- 12 Give an example from the article of:

a a fact.	b an opinion.
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- 13 Explain in your own words Paula's attitude to her sport.

Taking it further

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- 14 If you could interview Paula Radcliffe, what questions would you ask her?