Playing to win

1 WORD POWER

1 WORD POWER A

2 h 3 g 4 f 5 a 6 e 7 b 8 b

1 WORD POWER B

B 1 There will be a landslide victory in the election. I'm not entirely sure about that. The opposition seems to be doing better in the polls.
2 The Czechs will win hands down in ice hockey. I know what you're saying, but I think they may still face some serious competition from the Canadians.
3 Estonia is odds on to win the next song festival. You have a point there, but I wouldn't discount Britain's or Sweden's entry.
4 It was a walkover for our team; the score was 5-0. That might be true, but they were missing their three best players.
5 New Zealand will come first in the race. That might be true (they have a strong team), but I wouldn't rule out the Australians.

1 WORD POWER Sample answers

1 I think the opposition party is heading for another landslide victory in the polls. I'm not sure about that...
2 The Russian team will win hands down in this competition. That might be true, but...
3 I don't think you can expect rivals to be good sports. You have a point there, but...
4 The Australian swimmer was the favourite. I'm not entirely sure about that.
5 Any competition leads to team spirit. You have a point there but...
6 The game show proved to be a walkover for her. That might be true, but...

2 READING

2 READING A

A 1 D 2 B 3 E 4 A

2 READING B

B 1 a) The 4 × 100 relay was won by the US team. b) Victory was achieved by Kasparov's long-term strategy. c) Things had been made difficult in 2000 by boastful behaviour. d) In closed games long-term strategy can be used by humans.
2 Up to a point Lloy Ball does support being modest, but he thinks boasting is just part of the American fighting spirit.

2 READING Sample answers

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2 a year in the Austrian military had to be served.
3 he would not be given permission
4 Arnold was not deterred.
5 Although the contest was won,
6 Mr Europe, the Best Built Man in Europe and the International Powerlifting Championship would be entered and won by him.
7 the event would be dominated by Arnold.
8 This would be capped.

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4 LISTEN DVD

4 LISTEN B, D

B (Sample answers) Relationships are a negative thing in the Miss America competition. Contestants must be single, without children and must sign pledges not to date during their reign. Mrs. America allows contestants to be married.

Plastic surgery is discussed as a counterpoint to the other rules about relationships. The Miss America contest does not have any rule against it. In addition, there was recently the Miss Artificial Beauty in China where all contestants had undergone plastic surgery.

American values are discussed briefly in terms of the rules governing the current Miss America contest. Contestants need to be very pure (for example, no marriage, dating or children).

D 1 a) in Atlantic City
2 b) married  c) two children
3 d) plastic surgery
4 e) the acceptance

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4 IDIOMS

**Answers**

1 e 2 d 3 b 4 a 5 f 6 c

1 the name of the game = the most important thing / aim
2 to play the game = to take part
3 a sporting chance = a chance to win
4 to give someone a run for their money = to make it difficult for someone to win
5 a whole new ball game = the situation was completely changed
6 to throw in the towel = to give up / in, admit defeat