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READING

Matching

I can scan a short text to locate specific information.

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos and the title of the article. Discuss the questions.

- 1 What do you know about the people? What are they famous for?
- 2 What do you think the text is about?
- 3 Which of the words and phrases in the box do you expect to see in the text?

ability animals autism dyslexia food
hard work help learning disorders money
strong successful support

2 Read the text and check your ideas in Exercise 1.

EXAM FOCUS Matching

3 Read the text again. Match questions 1–6 with the people described in the text. Write MP, TG, KK or RB.

- 1 Which person's teacher changed his/her life in a positive way? _____
- 2 Who is able to concentrate on his/her strengths because of his/her learning disorder? _____
- 3 Who became better at something when learning about his/her favourite subject? _____
- 4 Who changed in a positive way thanks to getting over his/her learning difficulties? _____
- 5 Who did something to help others understand a learning disorder? _____
- 6 Which person got over his/her difficulties to have a job of his/her dreams? _____

Different, not less

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Many people have learning disorders. They suffer in school: other children **bully** them or **make fun of them** and call them 'slow'. However, people can **get over** their learning disorders and have successful careers **with the help and support of family, teachers and doctors**, as these examples prove.

At school, **Michael Phelps** could not sit still and found it difficult to **concentrate**. His teachers said he couldn't **focus on anything**. But then he **found his passion for sport**.
 10 His mother **encouraged** him and **helped him to develop his swimming ability**. His reading improved when he read books about sport. And his Maths improved when the problems reflected his interests, for example, 'How long will it take to swim 500 metres if you swim three metres
 15 per second?' Through hard work and never missing a day's practice, Michael became an Olympic champion, winning twenty-eight medals, twenty-three of them gold.