Interviewing an athlete

1. Read the historical recount below.

2. Underline information that may have been gathered during the interview with the athlete, Denise Cooper.

3. Write questions to match information that is included in the transcript. (Try to use a different signal each time. An example is done for you.)

Transcript of ‘The experience of a lifetime’

In 1992, a jubilant Spain hosted the incredibly successful XXV Olympic Games and among the more than 10,000 athletes was my aunt, Denise Cooper. Prior to the Games, in 1986, the International Olympic Committee awarded the 1992 Olympic Games to Barcelona, Spain. On 13 June 1992, the torch departed Catalonia and travelled around the 17 excited communities of Spain. On 25 July, with a record number of countries competing, the Games began with the opening ceremony.

An excited and enthusiastic Denise had qualified for the women’s K4 canoeing team earlier that year. Denise vividly remembers the opening ceremony on 25 July 1992 when all the Australian team waited under the stadium for Australia’s announcement. Massive fireworks filled the air and loud cheers and flashing lights spread across the stadium of cheering crowds. A skilful Spanish archer shot a flaming arrow into the Olympic flame cauldron and the Games were underway.

Denise remembers the event as the friendly games with a theme of ‘friends for life’. South Africa was allowed to rejoin the games and it was the first Olympic Games not boycotted in 30 years. During the second week of competition, Denise and the K4 team gained a place in the finals. It was the best ever result for an Australian women’s K4 team at an Olympic level and, as a result, they were extremely excited. During the final, nerves and excitement got the better of the team and they placed eighth out of nine.

Gaining a place in the final was an amazing achievement for the team and, along with Clint Robinson’s gold medal in the men’s K1 event, helped the sport gain major recognition. Australian women have continued to be part of this Olympic sport. Since the Barcelona Olympic Games, Denise says she is proud to have been part of the coaching team which resulted in Australia gaining a bronze medal at the Athens Olympic Games.
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<td>I qualified for the women’s K4 canoeing team in early 1992.</td>
<td>What sport and event did you qualify for?</td>
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<td>I was excited and very enthusiastic.</td>
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Some information in the text came from the interview with Denise Cooper. Where could the other information have come from?

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