**Student’s Worksheet 1**

**Linguaskill Reading gapped-text sentences – task requirements**

**Read the description of the Linguaskill Reading gapped-text sentences task. Decide if the statements are true or false.**

1. There are five gaps in the text. **True/False**
2. Each gap comes at the end of a paragraph. **True/False**
3. You have to put all of the sentences in the text. **True/False**
4. It may be possible to put some of the sentences in more than one gap. **True/False**
5. You should read the whole text before you start putting the sentences in. **True/False**
6. Understanding how ideas are connected is an important skill for this task-type. **True/False**

**Student’s Worksheet 2**

**Studying and swimming – sentences**

**These sentences are all connected to a text about studying and swimming.**

**Highlight the words in the sentences which will help you decide where to put them in the text.**

1. I don’t know when it’ll happen, but I want to be ready.
2. My next one is the World Swimming Championships in Japan.
3. I think swimming feels more like a game.
4. People often ask me how I find time for both.
5. It was in France, where I went with my high school.
6. As well as all that, I enjoy playing the piano.
7. That’s a skill I never have to practise.
8. But doing well in this sport is not easy.

**Student’s Worksheet 3**

**Sample Linguaskill Reading task**

**This is a full Linguaskill Reading gapped-text sentences task on the topic of studying and swimming.**

**Read the text and choose the correct sentence for each gap.**

**You do not need to use three of the sentences.**

***Studying and swimming***

***by Sara Overmars, age 16***

I first went swimming when I was only three years old. It was good to start when I was so young because at that age you are less likely to be frightened of getting in the water.

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ That’s probably why it’s always seemed fun to me. Now I swim every day and I find that it gives me time to think and it helps me to relax.

Each time I swim, I try to go faster than last time. I think I’m succeeding because last year, when I was 15, I became the 400m champion in my region. **2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ For example, swimming practice takes two hours every night, and I go twice every Saturday. I also have to do workouts in the gym every day. Another thing that takes up my time is competitions as there are races every week from September to the end of July.

After training, it’s hard to do any studying because I’m so tired. **3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The way I do it is by writing down all the schoolwork I have to do and all my training times into a weekly timetable, which I have to follow. It’s normal for me now, but it does mean I don’t have much free time. I just try to do my schoolwork as soon as I get it. And I go out with my friends whenever I can find a free moment. **4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ That’s something my grandmother taught me to do before I did so much swimming.

My sport has taken me all over Europe for competitions. **5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I’m really excited about that. I’d also like to study at university, maybe in the USA, but for now, I just have to think about getting faster in the pool.