

Reading

1. Read about Venus Williams, the tennis player.

- 1984** I start playing tennis at age 4. *(My father started taking me to tennis courts in California to learn how to play tennis.)*
- 1985** My younger sister, Serena, starts playing tennis. *(My younger sister started playing tennis when she was 4-years old, too. We have three other sisters, but they never became good at tennis.)*
- 1991** We move to Florida. *(My sister and I attended a tennis academy. For almost 4 years, until 1995, my sister and I trained six hours a day, six days a week.)*
- 1994** I start playing in professional matches.
- 1997** I become famous for wearing 1,800 pearls in my hair. *(It took 10 hours to put the pearls in. I stopped wearing the pearls in 2000.)*
- 1997** I travel to Russia the first time to play tennis. *(Most people don't know that I learned to speak Russian and enjoy studying Russian history.)*
- 1998** I win my first singles title, and my sister and I win our first doubles title. *(It's also the first time we played against each other professionally. I won.)*
- 1999** My sister and I both win matches on the same day in different parts of the world. *(That's the first time that two sisters had ever done that.)*
- 2001** I become the number one player in the world.
- 2003** My sister is the number one player in the world. *(My sister became the top in women's tennis last year. I'm now number two. That makes me a little sad, but at least it's my sister who is number one.)*

Now read the statements and write *T* for *True* or *F* for *False* next to each sentence.

1. Venus and Serena were 4 years old when they started taking tennis lessons. T
2. Venus has five sisters.
3. Venus and Serena attended a tennis academy in California.
4. Venus was 14 years old when she started playing in professional matches.
5. Venus Williams studied in Russia.
6. Venus was 23 years old when she won her first professional singles match.
7. When Venus and Serena played against each other professionally the first time, Venus won.
8. Both Venus and Serena have been number one players in the world.

