

test

Question 1

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Here is the first sentence of a summary of the passage.

Today wheelchairs are designed to allow people with physical challenges to enjoy sports and games.

Choose two statements that best complete the summary of the passage.

Tennis and basketball are examples of two sports that are played by people in wheelchairs.

Wheelchairs have special features that are adapted to the sport to be played.

Racing chairs have a single front wheel that is guided by a steering mechanism.

Stunts are also a popular activity for some people in wheelchairs.

One girl set a record by going 12 miles on the back two wheels of her chair.

Statement 1

Statement 2

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The following item has two parts. Answer Part A and then answer Part B.

Part A

What is the main reason that the author calls today's wheelchairs "super chairs"?

The chairs come in a variety of useful models.

The chairs are made to be well suited to playing sports.

The same chairs can be used to play a variety of sports.

The newest chairs have improved upon older models.

Part B

Which two paragraphs best support the correct answer to Part A?

paragraph 2

paragraph 5

paragraph 6

paragraph 7

paragraph 9

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In paragraph 8, what does the phrase "new heights" tell the reader about Aaron?

Aaron does tricks high in the air and has had a high level of success.

Aaron likes flying and has set a high standard for wheelchair tricks.

Aaron takes too many risks and increases his chances of falling from up high.

Aaron sets high expectations for himself and has high hopes for the future.

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Select **two** sentences that best express central ideas in the passage.

Modern wheelchairs have been adapted to a variety of different uses in the world of sports.

Racing chairs are constructed to decrease wind drag and increase stability.

Reaching the Paralympics is a goal for many young people who use wheelchairs.

Two young people have excelled at doing outstanding stunts in their wheelchairs.

New features of wheelchairs have created opportunities for people with physical challenges.