

## Radio Interview/Interviewing Activity

**Pre-Reading Instructions:**

- Read the following interview independently.
- With a partner, read the interview aloud (one of you taking on the role as the interviewer and the other taking on the role as NP).
- Switch roles and read through again.

### The Radio Interview

**Interviewer-** Hello listeners. Welcome to Habatown Happenings on Q98.7 Today we are speaking with NP, a local young athlete who has much to say about the new development debate. NP, welcome to our show. I understand you are new to Habatown. How recently did you move here?

**NP-** I moved here with my family about 3 months ago from Toronto. My grandmother is from Habatown and she recently got sick. Our family decided to move here to be close to her and help her.

**Interviewer-** I'm so sorry to hear this. Family must be important to you.

**NP-** The most important thing to me is family.

**Interviewer-** Let's talk about your swimming. How long have you been swimming?

**NP-** I started learning to swim when I was four or five years old and joined a club at about age seven. It wasn't until I was 10 that I started competing seriously.

**Interviewer-** What is it that you enjoy most about swimming?

**NP -** The best thing about being a swimmer is that I love being active and challenging myself as an athlete. Swimming is my passion, and during swimming competitions I enjoy seeing how fast I can go.

**Interviewer:** You swim both freestyle and backstroke, which do you prefer and why?

**NP-** I prefer the backstroke because it is the stroke I concentrate on most seriously.

**Interviewer-** You won a Gold medal last year at the Ontario junior championships. What has been the key to your success as a swimmer?

**NP-** My attitude – I always try my best and the fact that I have always had a pool to practice in.

**Interviewer-** So I understand you currently don't have a place to practice. Can you tell me more about this?

**NP-** Habatown is a wonderful place with many great things. The only thing missing is a pool for me to practice swimming. The pool at my school was recently shut down and the closest pool is in the next town. It takes me about 1 hour on the bus.

**Interviewer-** That sounds pretty far! Does this affect your training?

**NP-** Absolutely! It is too hard to get there during the week, so my only time to practice is either Saturday or Sunday.

**Interviewer-** That doesn't sound too bad. How often would you like to practice?

**NP-** When I lived in Toronto, I would practice 4-5 times a week! I would go to the pool 1 morning before school, two days after school and then once on the weekend.

**Interviewer-** So this new development is important to you?

**NP-** If the community centre is built, then I will have a pool to practice at again and be able to improve. I hope to go to the Olympics someday and I can only get there if I keep practicing! Practising once a week isn't enough for me to improve.

**Interviewer-** Well I wish you all the best with your swimming and I hope you can find a solution to get more practices in. Can you leave us with any tips you may have for budding young swimmers?

**NP-** My advice would be to enjoy what you do. If you don't enjoy swimming then there's no point. I would also advise young swimmers to try and focus on the good things rather than the bad. We all have bad days, but if you can remember the more positive times it will pull you through.

**Post-Reading Instructions (still with your partner)**

- It is now 10 years into the future. NP is 20 years old. What do you imagine her life is like now? (Was the community centre built or not?)
- One of you has been hired by the Q98.7 radio station as their expert interviewer.
- Decide who is going to take the role of NP and who is going to take the role of the interviewer. Conduct an interview, asking about 6 questions. Switch roles.