

**Module:** Oral Expression

**Level:** First year, groups: 01,02,03,04,05&06

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**Task one:** Complete the text about Michael Phelps with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.

Appearance, dominated, experienced, failed, flag, inspired, legendary, medals, nation, popular, record, relay, retirement successful

### *Michael Phelps – Most Successful Swimmer of All Times*

Michael Phelps, the most successful swimmer of all times, ended his career after his last (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. He won a total of 28 Olympic medals, 23 of them in gold. In the 2008 Beijing games he broke Mark Spitz's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ record, winning 8 gold medals at a single Olympics. In the 2016 Olympic Games, Phelps won 5 gold (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and one in silver. His last competition was the butterfly leg in the 4X100 m men's (4) \_\_\_\_\_. After the event Michael Phelps, at the age of 31, declared the end of his so (5) \_\_\_\_\_ career. The American swimmer came back from (6) \_\_\_\_\_ after the 2012 Olympics in London. In Rio, he was chosen to lead America's Olympic team into the stadium and carry the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Born in Baltimore, Michael was the youngest of three children. He began swimming at the age of 7. By the time he reached 10 he had already held a national (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for swimmers of his age in the 100-meter butterfly event. In 2000 he became the youngest male to join the US Olympic swimming team in 68 years. At his first games in Sydney, Phelps finished fifth in the 200m butterfly event. In the following years Phelps (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the swimming world. He competed in 6 single events, including butterfly, freestyle and backstroke as well as the medley races. Phelps not only became the world's best swimmer, but also (10) \_\_\_\_\_ other Americans. At the Rio games, the United States was the world's most successful swimming (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Now, Michael Phelps wants to spend more time working with his

foundation, which he created after the Beijing Olympics to make swimming more (12) \_\_\_\_\_ among young people. He also wants more time with his family.

### *Questions from the text*

#### **Basic Information Questions:**

Q: Who is Michael Phelps?

#### **Career and Achievements Questions:**

Q: How many Olympic medals did Michael Phelps win?

Q: What record did he break in the 2008 Beijing Olympics?

#### **Specific Olympic Games Questions:**

Q: In which Olympics did Michael Phelps declare the end of his career?

Q: How many gold medals did he win in the 2016 Olympic Games?

#### **Retirement and Comeback Questions:**

Q: When did Michael Phelps come out of retirement?

#### **Early Life and Beginnings Questions:**

Q: Where was Michael Phelps born?

Q: At what age did he start swimming?

#### **Record and Olympic Team Questions:**

Q: What was notable about Michael Phelps in the 2000 Olympics?

#### **Dominance in Swimming and Inspiration Questions:**

Q: What did Michael Phelps achieve in his swimming career?

#### **Legacy and Impact Questions:**

Q: How did Michael Phelps impact the United States in terms of swimming success?

#### **Future Plans Questions:**

Q: What are Michael Phelps' future plans after retiring from swimming?

## *Riddles (group work challenge)*

Q: What is more useful when it is broken?

Q: What goes up, but never comes down?

Q: What has a neck but no head?

Q: Rachel goes to the supermarket and buys 10 tomatoes. Unfortunately, on the way back home, all but 9 get ruined. How many tomatoes are left in a good condition?

Q: What is  $\frac{3}{7}$  chicken,  $\frac{2}{3}$  cat, and  $\frac{2}{4}$  goat?

Q: If you multiply this number by any other number, the answer will always be the same. What number is this?

Q: What 3 numbers give the same result when multiplied and added together?

Q: What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand?

Q: What gets broken without being held?

Q: What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

Q: They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

Q: What is always in front of you, but can't be seen?

Q: How many months have 28 days?

Q: I cannot talk, but I always reply when spoken to. What am I?

Q: When you stop to look, you can always see me. But if you try to touch me, you can never feel me. Although you walk towards me, I remain the same distance from you. What am I?

Q: What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

Q: What can be touched but can't be seen?

Q: When it is alive we sing, when it is dead we clap our hands. What is it?

Q: What can go through glass without breaking it?

Q: What gets bigger the more you take away?

Q: It belongs to you, but your friends use it more. What is it?

Q: What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?

Q: It has keys, but no locks. It has space, but no room. You can enter, but can't go inside. What is it?

Q: I'm orange, I wear a green hat and I sound like a parrot. What am I?

Q: Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?

Q: What can you catch but never throw?

Q: What thrives when you feed it but dies when you water it?

Q: Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

Q: If an electric train is traveling south, then which way is the smoke going?

Q: Where is the only place where today comes before yesterday?

Q: People make me, save me, change me, and raise me. What am I?

Q: A certain crime is punishable if attempted but not punishable if committed. What is it?

Q: What has no hands but might knock on your door, and if it does you better open up?

Q: I do not speak, cannot hear or speak anything, but I will always tell the truth. What am I?