

# My idol is an athlete

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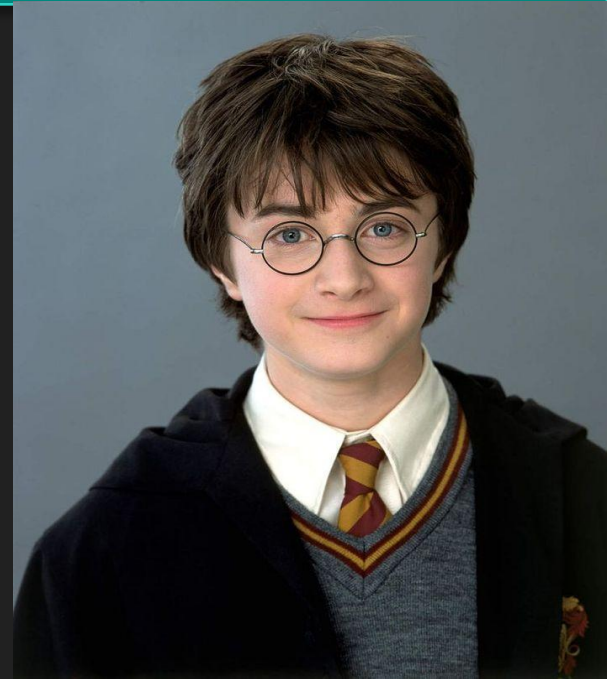
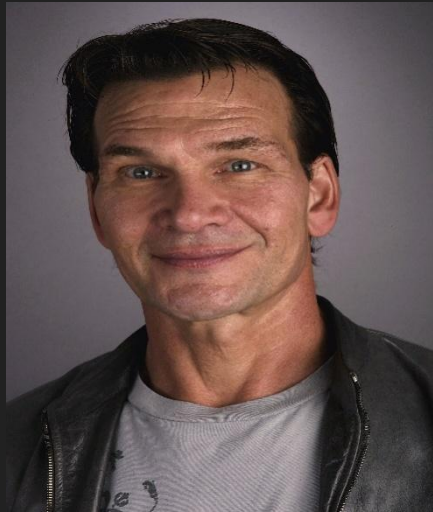
# Who is an idol?

- The Idol is someone who is admired and respected very much.



# Everyone has an idol

As you know, there are different idols:



Singers, dancers, book characters, pop stars and many other idols.



# This is my idol !

Evgeni Plushenko is a famous athlete, a figure skater who has won a large number of prestigious awards during his sports career. Evgeni Plushenko was born in the urban-type settlement of Solnechny (Khabarovsk Territory) in 1982 , November 3,.

□ *It was my dream when I was 4. I saw a competition and said to my mum, «I have to be there.» I said that I wanted to be Olympic champion.*

**Evgeni Plushenko**



# And he did it !!!

And he did it !!! He made his debut in 1995. At the 1998 World Championship, he immediately took the third place. A string of Victories followed. In 2000 Plushenko won all the tournaments in which he took part, including the European Championship for the second time in a row and the World Championship for the first time in his career, where Evgeny presented his show room "Sexbomb".

*«Evgeni Plushenko can most likely be compared to a tank that was moving forward. And what crunched under its tracks? The bones of the rivals.»*

**Said Alexey Mishin**





# My meeting with Evgeni



- Once when I was 8 years old I returned home from school. I had nothing to do and decided to watch TV. One of the channels showed figure skating. It was then that I saw Evgeni Plushenko for the first time. From the very beginning I did not understand why, but I could not take my eyes off the screen, but then it struck me. Plushenko admired his movements and clearly thought out actions. His eyes were a spark, a spark ignited by his dream to be a winner of the world championship in figure skating. I fell in love with figure skating.

# Interesting facts

- 1. Evgeny Plushenko is a two-time Olympic champion, three-time a world champion, seven-time an European champion and four-time a winner of the finals of the World Grand Prix series in figure skating. And the first victory came to him at the age of 16 — he won the Russian figure skating championship, beat his main rival Alexey Yagudin.
- 2. Evgeny Plushenko became the first man in the world who was able to perform the bilman element, when an athlete rotates on one leg, lifting the second behind his back and holding it with two hands above his head by the blade of the skate.
- 3. Plushenko took part in the victorious Eurovision Song Contest 2008 for Russia. During the performance of Dima Bilan, who represented our country, the athlete performed a large number of elements of figure skating on the ice behind the singer.
- 4. Plushenko survived a scandalous divorce with his first wife, Maria Ermak, whom he married at the age of 22. Later, a son appeared in the family, but after that, the figure skater began to be jealous to him and begged her husband to quit his career. After the divorce, Eugene's son was given the surname of his mother, who for a long time did not allow the boy to see his father. And only recently, the relationship between Plushenko and his son began to improve.
- 5. Evgeny Plushenko's second passion is motorcycles. The skater collects bikes and loves to ride them. In addition, he introduces his sons this sport.



# The dream has come true

«.....Now I have all the titles and I am really very happy». **Evgeni Plushenko**

I admire this sporting hero. Moreover, I can say that for a true champion like *Evgeni Plushenko*, *victory is only a beginning.*

