

# NINE GOLD MEDALS

## LESSON OVERVIEW

L.No.	Title of the Lesson	Skills			Grammar/Figures of speech	Life Skills
		Listening/speaking	Reading	Writing		
9	Nine Gold Medals	Recitation	Reading the poem silently with understanding	Summarising, Describing an event	Words with double meaning	Empathy, selflessness

### SUMMARY

The poem describes a great event of hundred meter dash organised for differently-abled racers during special Olympics. The competitors and spectators were excited as it was the grand finale.

The race began with the gun shot but one of the 9 competitors stumbled and fell on the track at the start itself. In response to the little racer's cry in pain, all other eight participants turned back to help him instead of completing the race. They brought the little one to his feet and started walking towards the first line holding one another's hands. They were all declared winners and given a standing ovation for their great spirit of sportsmanship which they displayed.

### PRINCIPAL POINTS

- A true sportsman displays selflessness and spirit of cooperation.
- Special Olympics are arranged for the differently-abled people
- Playing in the true spirit of the game is more important than winning.
- Standing ovation is given by the audience when they want to pay their tribute to an actor or an athlete or someone who has done something remarkable.
- The value of cooperation is greater than the spirit of competition.

### LET'S LEARN NEW EXPRESSIONS

Following expressions have following contextual meaning:

- **Resolved athletes:** Determined athletes
- **A cry in frustration and anguish:** A cry due to frustration and painful anger
- **Dream and efforts all dashed in the dust:** The athlete lost all hopes of winning the race
- **Beaming faces:** Showing excitement

**ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE**

The central idea of the poem is very brief description of the theme or core idea of the poem. It is generally expressed in not more than two or three sentences.

Summary of a poem describes the central idea along with a brief rendering of the idea or story in the poem in prose form.

Paraphrasing a poem is explaining the meaning of the full poem, lines of a stanza taken from the poem in simple prose form.

**TEST TYPES****1. MCQ/Objective type question (understanding)**

Read the following extract from the poem and choose the most appropriate answer from the choices given below. Write the letter A, B, C or D. Do not write the answer.

The spectators gather around the old field to cheer up all the young women and men. The

final event of the day was approaching, excitement grew high.

The expression 'old field' refers to .....

- A. the field which was used for ploughing
- B. the arena for National Games.
- C. the field where annual fete was held .....
- D. the field where children gathered to play games.

**2. VSA (understanding)**

Complete the following sentence.

The spectators showed their appreciation of the athletes' collective spirit by giving them a .....

**3. SA (inference)**

Answer the following question in about 30-40 words.

Why was it decided that all the nine athletes be awarded gold medals?

**4. LA (extrapolatory)**

Say how the inscription on the banner, 'Special Olympics' symbolises more than its literal meaning.