

2018 Winter Paralympic Skiing Team

Menna Fitzpatrick

- Menna was born on 5th May 1998.
- She started skiing at the age of five.
- She is visually impaired.
- She is from Macclesfield in the UK.

Jen Kehoe

- Jen was born on 15th November 1983.
- She is Menna's ski guide.
- She skis in front of Menna and tells her what the slope is like.

A Super Skiing Team

Menna and Jen have to talk to each other while they are skiing. Jen tells Menna what is in front of them. Menna tells Jen when she needs to go faster or slow down. They use headsets on their helmets to speak to one another.

Medals Won

- In 2016 and 2017, they won silver medals for their skiing.
- They are entering the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games and hope to win more medals.



Glossary

Visually impaired – being partly or fully blind

Questions

1. **When is Menna Fitzpatrick's birthday? Tick one.**

- 20th June 1990
- 5th May 1998
- 5th December 1998

2. **Where does Menna come from? Tick one.**

- London
- Minehead
- Macclesfield

3. **What does Jen Kehoe do? Tick one.**

- She is Menna's ski guide.
- She is Menna's mum.
- She is Menna's coach.

4. **How do Menna and Jen talk to each other when they are skiing? Tick one.**

- they shout loudly
- they write notes
- they use headsets on their helmets

5. **Which type of medals did Menna and Jen win in 2016 and 2017? Tick one.**

- bronze
- silver
- gold

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Jen Kehoe

Jen was born on 15th November 1983.

She skis in front of Menna and tells her information about the slope ahead. She sets the speed they travel at.

A Super Skiing Team

Menna and Jen must talk to one another while they are skiing. Jen has to tell Menna what is in front of them quickly and clearly. Menna tells Jen when she needs to go faster or slow down. They speak to each other through headsets fitted to their helmets. People watching must be silent.



Medal Success

Menna and Jen have been working together for two years and have won medals.

- In 2016, they won silver medals in the Super-G World Cup.
- In 2017, they won silver medals in the Slalom World Cup Finals.
- They are skiing in the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games and hope to win more medals.



Questions

1. **How old was Menna Fitzpatrick when she started skiing? Tick one.**

- four years old
- five years old
- six years old

2. **Who would Menna follow down the ski slopes on family holidays? Tick one.**

- her dad
- her sister
- her brother

3. **Fill in the missing word.**

Jen tells Menna information about the _____ ahead.

4. **Find and copy one word which tells us what the crowd must be when they watch a race.**

5. **Which type of medals did Menna and Jen win in 2016 and 2017? Tick one.**

- 2018
- 2016
- 2017

Answers

1. How old was Menna Fitzpatrick when she started skiing? Tick one.

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2. Who would Menna follow down the ski slopes on family holidays? Tick one.

- her dad**
- her sister
- her brother

3. Fill in the missing word.

Jen tells Menna information about the **slope** ahead.

4. Find and copy one word which tells us what the crowd must be when they watch a race.

silent

5. In which year did Menna and Jen win silver medals in the Super-G World Cup? Tick one.

- 2018
- 2016**
- 2017

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Menna was born on 5th May 1998 and is from Macclesfield in the UK. She started skiing at the age of five. Because Menna is visually impaired, she would follow her dad down the ski slopes on family holidays.



She continued to ski at an indoor ski centre in Manchester. It was here that she was spotted by a ski coach and started training.

Jen Kehoe

Jen was born on 15th November 1983. She is in the Royal Engineers but has permission to train as a full-time athlete and guide for Menna for two years.

She skis in front of Menna, and tells her information about the changes in the slope ahead and the snow conditions. She sets the speed that the pair travel at.

A Super Skiing Team

It is vital that Menna and Jen communicate well with one another. Jen acts as Menna's eyes, so she needs to explain what is in front of them quickly and clearly. Menna also needs to tell Jen when she needs to change speed. They use wireless headsets fitted to their helmets to allow them to speak to one another. The crowds must be silent during a competition.

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Medal Success

Menna and Jen have only been working together for two years but already they have had great medal success. In 2016, they won silver medals in the Super-G World Cup and were the World Cup Champions in the overall visually impaired class. They were the first British athletes to win this title. In 2017, they won silver medals in the Slalom World Cup Finals.

They are looking forward to competing in the 2018 Winter Paralympic Games and hope to win further medals.



Questions

1. **What part of the body is affected if someone is visually impaired? Tick one.**

- legs
- ears
- eyes

2. **Fill in the missing word.**

Menna was spotted at an _____ ski centre.

3. **Find and copy one word which means being allowed to do something.**

4. **Write one thing Jen gives Menna information about.**

5. **What does Menna tell Jen whilst they are skiing? Tick one.**

- when she needs to go to sleep
- when she needs to cough
- when she needs to change direction

6. **Do you think Menna and Jen work well together? Give a reason why.**

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2. Fill in the missing word.

Menna was spotted at an **indoor** ski centre.

3. Find and copy one word which means being allowed to do something.

permission

4. Write one thing Jen gives Menna information about.

Accept any of the following: Jen gives Menna information about the changes in the slope ahead; Jen gives Menna information about the snow conditions.

5. What does Menna tell Jen whilst they are skiing? Tick one.

- when she needs to go to sleep
- when she needs to cough
- when she needs to change direction**

6. Do you think Menna and Jen work well together? Give a reason why.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Menna and Jen work well together because they have already won medals despite only being together for two years.