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Listening and reading comprehension exercises

The United States v. Jackie Robinson

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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8gKH3WshkE>

Pre-listening/reading: Exercise #1 – Pictionary

Label the images.

pool – army – neighbor – detain – argue – label – stand up



Pre-listening/reading: Exercise #2 – What word is it?

Match the definitions and the words.

1. A sweet, biscuit, or other item of sweet food.
 2. Feeling worry, concern or insecurity.
 3. A formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause.
 4. Dishonestly persuade (someone) to act in one's favor by a gift of money or other inducement.
 5. Stare in an angry or fierce way.
 6. Culpable of or responsible for a specified wrongdoing.
 7. Let (someone) have or do something.
 8. It's the enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or establishment.
- a. () Afraid.
 - b. () Bribe.
 - c. () Guilty.
 - d. () Treat.
 - e. () Segregation.
 - f. () Petition.
 - g. () Glare.
 - h. () Allow.

<https://www.juicyenglish.com/lar-jackierobinson.html>

During listening/reading: Exercise #3 – Complete the sentences

Watch the video and complete the sentences.

1. At a time when public pools were open to black children only
_____.
2. Mallie taught her children to _____ for what was right.
3. Jack sat down in a seat at the middle of an _____.
4. He was one of the first black Americans to challenge _____
in court.
5. On April 15, 1947, Jack broke the _____ in professional
baseball.

During listening/reading: Exercise #4 – True or false

Read the statements and according to the video write “T” for true or “F” for false.

1. The segregation law separated people of color from whites in schools, housing, jobs and public gathering places. _____
2. Although Robinson was an incredible sport player, his teammates were racist. _____
3. The court found Robinson guilty and sent him to prison. _____
4. African American players were not allowed to play in Major league baseball until Robinson was signed. _____
5. Jackie Robinson played pitcher for his first MLB team. _____

After listening/reading: Exercise #5 – Quiz

Choose the correct answer.

1. What's the author's purpose in the text?
 - a) To persuade readers to fight for their rights.
 - b) To explain the racial climate of the 1940s.
 - c) To describe the feelings of a black American.
2. What of the following describes Robinson early in life?
 - a) He wasn't always interested in sports.
 - b) He was successful in many sports from the beginning.
 - c) He didn't begin to succeed in sports until college.

3. Which of the following sport didn't Jackie Robinson play at University of California Los Angeles?
 - a) Baseball.
 - b) Soccer.
 - c) Basketball.
4. Why does the author include information about Robinson being called names?
 - a) To show how jealous other people were of how good Robinson was.
 - b) To show why Robinson was popular with all the fans but not other players.
 - c) To show how racism affected black people.
5. What major league baseball team did Robinson play for?
 - a) Montreal Royals.
 - b) The Monarchs.
 - c) Brooklyn Dodgers.