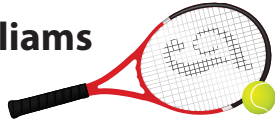


**Answer Key****Compare and Contrast: Awesome Athletes!****Part 1:**

Read about each athlete.

**Serena Williams**

Serena Williams is an American **tennis** player. She has changed women's tennis with her incredible talent and powerful style of play.

Serena was born on September 26, 1981, in **Saginaw, Michigan**. Serena's sister, Venus, is also a **professional** tennis player. Their father taught them how to play tennis when they were very small.

Serena has won gold medals at the *Olympics*. She has also won tennis tournaments including the *French Open*, *U.S. Open*, *Wimbledon*, and the *Australian Open*.

Being a professional athlete takes hard work, **training**, and **dedication**! Serena Williams has **paved** the way for female tennis players around the world!

**Mariel Hamm**

Some people believe that Mariel Hamm, known as Mia, is the world's best women's **soccer** player.

Mia was born on March 17, 1972, in **Selma, Alabama**. When she was 15 years old, Mia became the youngest member of a U.S. national soccer team.

Mia has won *World Cup* championships and gold medals at the *Olympics*. She has set almost every soccer **record**!

Mia believes in the **power** of teamwork and is **dedicated** to winning. Mia has **paved** the way for female soccer players around the world!





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## Answer Key

### Part 2:

1. Use the key below to highlight the answers in the text.
2. Next, use the information you learned to finish the sentence frames.

	Sport
	Place of Birth
	Accomplishments
	Beliefs

Serena plays **tennis**.

Mia plays **soccer**.

Serena was born **in Saginaw, Michigan**.

Mia was born **in Selma, Alabama**.

Serena's accomplishments include  
**winning gold medals at the Olympics.**

Mia's accomplishments include  
**winning the World Cup and gold medals**

**She has also won many tennis**  
**tournaments**.

**at the Olympics. She has also set almost**  
**every soccer record**.

Serena believes **in hard work, training,**  
**and dedication**.

Mia believes **in teamwork and is**  
**dedicated to winning**.