



大学英语

Death of a Dream

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They boarded the plane in New York City with high hopes. The 18 members of the United States figure skating team would fly to Brussels, Belgium. Then they were to go on to Prague, Czechoslovakia, for the world ice skating championships. A



photo was taken of the team members as they stood on the steps of the Sabena Airlines 707 jet. The best of America's skaters beamed for the camera. Mostly young, they laughed and giggled, their eyes dancing with excitement. This was going to be the time of their lives.





There were three ice skating pairs on the plane. Two were brother-and-sister teams: Laurie and William Hickox and Ila and Ray Hadley. There was also the husband-and-wife team of Patricia and Robert Dineen. But the brightest star of all was a singles skater. Her name was Laurence (Laurie) Owen. Only 16 years old, she had won the North American title for women just two days earlier. Laurie had great skill, dazzling grace, and a winning smile.



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Laurie came from a skating family. Her mother, Maribel, had won the U.S. figure skating championship nine times. Laurie had an older sister who shared her mother's name. Maribel Owen, age 20, was not quite as strong a skater as Laurie. Still, she had just won the U.S. senior pairs championship. All three of the Owen women were on the plane bound for Brussels.



championship *n.*

— a competition held to determine the champion; position of a champion

Examples

- An American team won the pairs championships.
 - They won the men's and women's singles championships respectively.
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beam v.

— smile brightly and happily

Examples

- He is beaming with delight.
 - He beamed inside.
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This was going to be the time of their lives.

Key

This was going to be their most important and memorable experience.





dazzling *adj.*

— showing skill, qualities or beauty

Examples

- She gave him a dazzling smile.
 - She has a dazzling diamond.
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senior *n.*

— older in years; higher in rank, authority, etc.

Examples

- Mr. Gray is a senior officer in this bank.
 - He is too senior to try for a young man's job.
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bound *adj.*

— ready to start, having started (for)

Examples

- They were on the New York express, bound for Maine.
 - That ship is bound for South America.
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