

A photograph of Simone Biles, a gymnast, smiling broadly with her arms raised in celebration. She is wearing a red and blue long-sleeved top and a dark blue jacket with a colorful Olympic medal around her neck. The background is a blurred green and white.

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Warm-Up Words		Irregular High-Frequency Words	
respectable	recognizable	through	about
bendable	impressionable	won	always
teachable	unstoppable	other	
unthinkable	uncomfortable		
impossible			

**denotes a temporarily irregular high-frequency word*

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Simone is one of the most respectable and recognizable champions in gymnastics. She didn't start out as a champion, though. Let's find out how she got there!



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A Life-Changing Trip

When Simone was just six years old, her daycare went on a trip to a gymnastics gym. Simone watched bendable girls flipping and tumbling through the air. She could not sit still—she had to try their moves! Simone copied the gymnasts, and her flips amazed everyone.



Simone was impressed with the gymnastics class she saw.



The teachers at the gym were so impressed with Simone that they gave her a letter to take home. It invited her to start gymnastics classes!

During her classes, Simone constantly worked hard to get better. Her coaches noticed she was impressionable and teachable, picking up new moves quickly.

A Secret Superpower

At age 9, Simone found out she had ADHD. It was hard for Simone to sit still, but it also gave her endless energy in the gym! Simone calls her ADHD her “superpower” because it makes her unstoppable in the gym.



Simone turned her challenges into strengths.



Winner!

At age 16, Simone competed in the Olympics and won four gold medals! She flipped through the air with unthinkable skill. Her moves were so impossible for others to copy that they were named after her. Simone became one of the greatest gymnasts in history.



Facing Challenges

Simone did not always have it easy. Sometimes she felt uncomfortable under so much pressure. But Simone showed that it's okay to take breaks and ask for help. Her teachable spirit inspired others to be brave and take care of themselves, too.



Making a Difference

Simone is not just a gymnast—she is a role model! She speaks openly about taking care of yourself, showing that even champions need rest. Simone also helps make sports more welcoming for kids. She shows that being kind and helping others is just as important as winning medals.

The president gave Simone a medal for being a good role model.





Simone Biles shows that hard work and bravery can lead to amazing things. Her story is evidence that challenges don't have to stop us—they can make us stronger. What big dreams will you chase, just like Simone?



GLOSSARY

ADHD

attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; a condition that makes it hard to sit still or focus

impressed

feeling amazed or surprised because someone did something really well

respectable

someone who is greatly admired

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Additional Affixes:
-able, -ible

Have you ever seen someone flip, twist, and soar through the air like Simone Biles? From discovering gymnastics on a daycare trip to becoming one of the greatest gymnasts in history, Simone's journey is full of hard work, bravery, and inspiration. Her story shows that challenges can be turned into superpowers—and that kindness and courage are just as important as winning medals.



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