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This passage is about an eleven-years-old girl, Debbie Hart, who swam across the English Channel in hopes of setting a new world record. Cross the

Channel is a hard task even for a professional swimmer. For the distances

between is about 20 miles, adding its strong current at the sea, the actual distance for a swimmer to cover is double. Moreover, the strong tide, cold

water are some challenges facing these swimmers. It is common for people to spend 20 hours to complete the task, thus small boats are usually accompanied swimmers to supply them with food and drinks.

Debbie had been trained by her mother, who had swum across the channel at an early age. I guess that she wants her daughter to fulfil her unfinished

childhood dream to set a world record. In the recent discussions of children's early education, a controversial issue has been whether the parents should

influence their children by their own preferences. From this perspective, some

think that it is natural children imitate their parents, thus there would be no doubt that parents would put their own like or dislike on their children even

without obvious instructions. On the other hand, however, others argue that children should follow their own wills to choose their interests. My own view is

that children's own choice is most important. Though I concede that family

influence is noticeable, I still maintain that everybody is different even parents

and their children have nature connections on genes and family environments.

Parents should respect their children's own choice of interests; at least not force them to learn something at their parents' mind. [270]

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