

## Reading

1. Kim Yuna is a **former competitive** figure skater from South Korea. She became famous at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. It was there that she broke a world record and won a gold medal. In her country, she earned the title *Queen Yuna*.
2. Kim Yuna was born on September 5, 1990. She began figure skating at the age of five. Coaches told Yuna's mother that her daughter had a lot of talent. As Yuna **trained**, her mother learned everything about the sport. Her mother also played English tapes in the car on the way to and from the rink.
3. As a junior, Kim Yuna won many **national** championships. In 2006, at the age of 16, she moved to Toronto to train for the 2010 Olympics. Her coach was Brian Orser, a retired Canadian figure skater and Olympic silver medalist. Yuna trained hard for four long years. In the final event of the 2010 women's figure skating program, she had the skate of her life.
4. After winning an Olympic gold and breaking a world record in Vancouver, Kim Yuna became a superstar in her own country. Six months later, she fired Brian Orser. **Rumours** spread about the reason for the split. Some said Orser was talking with Yuna's Japanese skating **rival**, Mao Asada. Orser said that wasn't true. He told the media that Yuna's mother fired him **out of the blue**.
5. Kim Yuna went back to South Korea to train with her childhood coaches. She competed in a few competitions, but mainly stayed **out of the spotlight**. Four years later, the Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia. People weren't surprised when Kim Yuna skated like a queen. Many were surprised, however, when Yuna won the silver and a Russian won the gold. Some felt Kim Yuna was robbed.
6. After the 2014 Olympics, Kim Yuna **retired** from competitive figure skating. This saddened the people from her nation. Kim Yuna was the first South Korean figure skater to win a gold medal. They hoped she would do it again on home ice in 2018.

*"A coach told my mom I had talent and I would make a very good skater."*

—Kim Yuna

### Note:

#### FAMILY NAME FIRST

In Korea, the family name (also called the *last name*) comes first. When a family name is also a common given name like *Kim*, it may cause confusion. This skater's given name is *Yuna*.