

RAFA NADAL

Read this text about Rafa Nadal and fill each gap (1-15) with the most suitable word (A-X). There are 9 extra words and each word cannot be used more than once.

Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal is one of the best sportsmen _____(1) the world. He is _____(2) as the “King of Clay” on the tennis _____(3). He was born _____(4) 3rd May 1986 on the island of Mallorca. From an early age he showed extreme sporting ability in _____(5) sports, but especially in tennis. His uncle Toni, _____(6) former professional footballer, introduced him to tennis from the age of three and _____(7) him to play left-handed. It wasn't long before the titles started rolling in. All of his talent could have been wasted due to his refusal to move from his island home. _____(8) this meant limited funding, he managed to get by. Toni stopped _____(9) his coach in 2017 because he was _____(10) exhausted of travelling.

Nadal has recently considered _____(11) goodbye to tennis. After the loss of his French Open title in June 2022, he was forced to spend six months away from the tour and wasn't able to practise as a consequence of a foot injury which he has suffered _____(12) childhood.

The Spaniard is one of the _____(13) successful tennis players of all time. Nadal has already _____(14) 86 career titles including Wimbledon, the French Open and the US Open. Tomorrow he will be able to break the record by getting his 21st Grand Slam as he is just one win away from overtaking his main _____(15) : Djokovic.

A	MANY	B	THE	C	ALTHOUGH	D	VERY
E	SINCE	F	COURTS	G	TO BE	H	TEACH
I	MOST	J	WON	K	IN	L	ON
M	LOTS	N	REFEREE	O	TAUGHT	P	ABSOLUTELY
Q	KNOWN	R	HOWEVER	S	SAYING	T	WINNING
U	OPPONENT	V	A	W	FAMOUS	X	BEING