

## Keys

**15. Infer the meaning of unfamiliar words.**

**The following text contains a number of imaginary words. Read and infer their meaning.**

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SWIMMING star Sharron Davies has been dropped from This is Your Life - because she is not interesting enough.

BBC chiefs decided she did not merit Michael Aspel's Big Red Book treatment for the new series.

The former Olympic silver medal-list is one of Britain's best known sportswomen and has just signed a Pound 100,000 deal to join TV's Gladiators.

Sharron, 33, married to ex-Olympic athlete Derek Redmond, put a brave face on the embarrassing snub.

She said yesterday: 'I knew nothing about it because they obviously keep it secret. They would have trouble getting guests because most of my fellow athletes are away racing'.

A friend claimed the show had 'only been put on hold'. But the BBC insisted 'She was on the list but no longer'. And an insider said: 'They look for people with lives touched by triumph and tragedy. They felt there was a deep end and shallow end but nothing in the middle'.

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