

# Differentiated Reading Activity

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Elena Tice is a part of the Irish International Hockey Team that played at the 2021 Olympics!

Elena was born on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1997. She loved sports as a child and played Hockey, Cricket, baseball, softball, football, rugby and did horse-riding!

## Early life:

I have two brothers, Dalton and Patrick. My parents are Scarlett and George.

I grew up all around the world. I was born in England, moved to the USA when I was 3. My family then moved to Vienna when I was 6 before finally, we settled in Co. Wicklow when I was 9. I went to Aravon National School in Wicklow and then St. Gerard's Secondary School. my family all love sport. We attempt to play and watch all kinds of sports.

## Starting out with sports:

I started playing in the garden with my brothers from the moment I was big enough to walk and kick a ball. I chose hockey because it was introduced to me in primary school and I fell in love with it straight away. I loved how fast paced it was even back then.

## What major competitions have you been a part of?

- Cricket World Cup
- Hockey World Cup
- Tokyo Olympic Games



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## What is your greatest sporting victory?

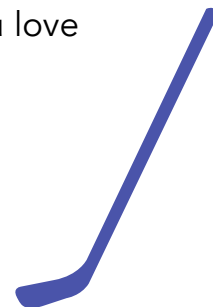
Beating Canada to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2019.

## What is it like to be part of a team?

It's very fun to be a part of a team. Not only do you get to play the sport you love but you also get to share it with your teammates and friends.

## Something surprising about you:

I'm actually not a fast runner at all. I have had to work around it my whole career and make sure the other aspects of my game can make up for it!



## When did you build your first Christmas Shoebox?

I built my first Christmas shoebox when I was about 10 years old in Aravon School. I can still remember going to the shop with my Mum to buy toothbrushes and pens and paper to fill it with.

## What is your favourite thing about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal?

My favourite thing is that no matter how old or how young you are, you can take part and make a difference in someone else's life by building a box.



## What are your motivations in life?

My motivations in life are to honour God, always try my absolute hardest, no matter what I'm doing and to try have fun as much as possible!

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## QUESTIONS:

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## ANSWERS:

When was Elena Tice born:

*November 16<sup>th</sup> 1997*

What countries have Elena and her family lived in?

*England, USA, Austria, Ireland.*

What did Elena love most about hockey when she was young?

*How fast paced it is.*

Name a competition that Elena has played in:

*Accept any of: Cricket World Cup, Hockey World Cup, Tokyo Olympic Games*

Who did Elena's team beat to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games?

*Canada*

What age was Elena when she built her first Christmas Shoebox?

*About 10 years old.*

A huge thanks to Elena Tice for being the Team Hope CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX  
APPEAL ambassador for 2021!