

Speaking

1 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- Would you like to take part in an extreme race like a Spartan race?
- Do you prefer team sports or individual sports? Why?
- Are you a fan of a particular team or athlete? Why do you support them?

2 When you are asked to talk about two photos, you need to compare them (say what is similar or different about them) as well as describe what you can see in each photo. Look at the phrases below and say whether you could use them to compare two photos or describe one photo at a time.

- Both photos show ...
- The common theme of these photos is ...
- In the first photo I can see ... whereas in the second, ...
- These photos are both of ...
- There is ... in this photo, ...
- I think this picture is of ...
- The photos are similar/different because ...
- On the other hand, photo B shows ...

Compare	Describe

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When you talk about two photos, it's a good idea to look at both pictures together first, and say what the common theme between them is. Then focus on each photo individually, say what it shows and how it differs from the other photo. Finally, remember to answer the question about the photos.

3 Work in pairs to answer the questions about the photographs. One of you will be Student A and the other will be Student B. Use the words and phrases in the Language Bank to help you.



Student A: Compare the two photographs. What are the advantages of each sport?
Student B: Do you prefer indoor or outdoor sports?



Student B: Compare the two photographs. Why do you think each sport is popular?
Student A: Do you think it's more important to win or to have fun when you do sport?

4 Work in pairs to discuss these questions.

- Which sports do you think should be taught in schools?
- Are some sports more suitable for boys than girls, and vice versa?
- Is participating in sport the best way to stay healthy? What other ways can we look after our health?
- Do you think most young people take enough exercise?

LANGUAGE BANK

Comparing photos

The similarities/differences between the photos are ...
 Both photos show ...
 The common theme of the photos is ...
 The photos have ... in common.
 The photos are similar/different because ...
 In both photos I can see ...