

2.6 Vocabulary

2 Fill in: ...

- spectator umpire
- referee attempt
- presented game
- match fan

- 1 He's not interested in football, but he is a great _____ of tennis.
- 2 She was very proud of having received a bronze medal for her first _____ at diving.
- 3 The _____ blew his whistle to end the game just after the home side scored the winning goal.
- 4 Retired football star Kevin Keegan _____ the trophies at our school's sports day.
- 5 We had a lovely picnic on the green as we watched the cricket _____.
- 6 Peter persuaded me to stay and play another _____ of table tennis.
- 7 My father has been a tennis _____ for more than twenty years and he says players have never argued with his decisions.
- 8 I don't really enjoy being a _____ at sports events, I'd much rather be playing!

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3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences. ...

- 1 The top golfers in the world can earn huge amounts in **prize/reward** money. ...
- 2 Everybody **cheered/approved** with excitement when the leading runners entered the stadium. ...
- 3 Last night Liverpool **beat/won** Manchester United by three goals to one. ...
- 4 More people **contested/competed** in this year's marathon than ever before. ...
- 5 They **missed/lost** the game when their goalkeeper was injured. ...
- 6 The crowd went wild when the captain was **presented/awarded** with the cup. ...

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4 Choose the correct word. ...

- 1 She felt numb with **fear/horror/alarm/panic**. ...
- 2 We **gave/left/missed/lost** all hope of our team qualifying for the final. ...
- 3 Let's give it a(n) **try/effort/attempt/push** and see how things go. ...
- 4 Paragliding really **urges/drives/presses/pushes** you to the limits. ...
- 5 There's no better **feeling/sense/emotion/passion** than skiing down a steep slope. ...
- 6 He can't **knock/hit/beat/get** his fear of spiders. ...
- 7 He learnt about the course by pure **fate/luck/will/fortune**. ...
- 8 He took a **rich/strong/broad/deep** breath and jumped. ...

• Prepositions

5 Fill in the correct preposition. Check in Appendix II.

- for
- to
- against
- by
- in
- on
- at

- 1 The pool is open _____ the public in July only.
- 2 I was too tired to concentrate _____ the game.
- 3 Laura participated _____ the competition.
- 4 Thanks _____ our coach, we won the match.
- 5 The construction of the new sports centre is still _____ progress.
- 6 He likes competing _____ others.
- 7 You can't blame Jamie _____ losing the game.
- 8 I took up squash _____ chance and I'm glad I did.
- 9 Young children are _____ risk of becoming obese if they don't exercise.

6 Make or take? Tick (✓) the correct box. Then use four phrases in sentences of your own.

	a bet	aim	a break	place	the rules
make					
take					

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

• Words often confused

7 Use the verbs in the boxes in the correct form to complete the sentences.

- lie
- lay

- 1 The injured player _____ on the ground.
- 2 You shouldn't _____ to your parents.
- 3 Could you please _____ the table?

- rise
- raise
- arise

- 4 Serious problems _____ when the player was disqualified from the team.
- 5 She slowly _____ from her chair and walked towards the window.
- 6 The winner _____ his hands and waved to the spectators.