3.5 Reading

Greg Wilson is 17 and he's mad about sport. He's the captain of his school football team and he plays for the hockey team. He's also good at downhill skiing, his favourite winter sport. What's more, Greg's just finished a scuba diving course. 'One of my dreams is to visit Australia next summer and go scuba diving there,' he says. Greg would like to do more extreme sports as well: he wants to learn to do parachute jumps. 'My parents think it's dangerous, but I'd love to jump out of a plane!'

The Sporting Life

Greg's sister Tanya likes sport, but she isn't mad about it. 'I'm not good enough to play football for a team, but I often play in the park with my friends,' she says. 'We laugh when someone scores a goal against their own team. We enjoy the game, but it isn't serious!' What about other sports? 'I like cross-country skiing. Mum, Dad and Greg also enjoy it. It keeps us fit and we have a great time together. I don't want to do extreme sports – but scuba diving is fantastic! I've already had two lessons in a swimming pool. I haven't been scuba diving in the sea yet, but I'll be ready to go scuba diving next summer!'

1 Read the text. Who is in photos 1–5? Write *G* for Greg, *T* for Tanya or *B* for both.

1 *T* 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___

2 Look at the highlighted words in the text. Then match them to their definitions 1–4.

a be mad about something	1 skiing across the country, not on mountains
b captain	2 a person who leads a team
c course	3 like something very much
d cross-country skiing	4 a number of lessons to learn about something

3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 Which teams is Greg in?
He's in his school football team and in the hockey team.

2 What is his favourite winter sport?
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3 Has Greg ever been scuba diving in Australia?
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4 What do Greg's parents think of parachute jumping?
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5 Why doesn't Tanya play football for her school team?
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6 What winter sport does Tanya like?
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7 Where has Tanya had scuba diving lessons?
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4 Vocabulary Complete the text with the words in the box.

compete lose score
support ~~train~~ win

Hi! I'm Russell and I'm a member of our town's ice hockey club. Ice hockey is the most popular sport in Canada and our club is serious about the game! My team and I [1]*train* three times a week and we [2]___ in lots of matches. My friends and family usually come to the matches to [3]___ us. It isn't easy to [4]___ a goal in ice hockey, but it's an exciting game. When we [5]___ a match, we have a big party to celebrate, but we try not to be sad when we [6]___.

5 What about you? In your notebook, write answers to the questions.

1 In your opinion, is it a good idea to do lots of sports? Why / Why not?

2 Which sports do you do? If you don't do any sport, why not?

3 In your opinion, what are the most exciting sports? What are the most boring sports?

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