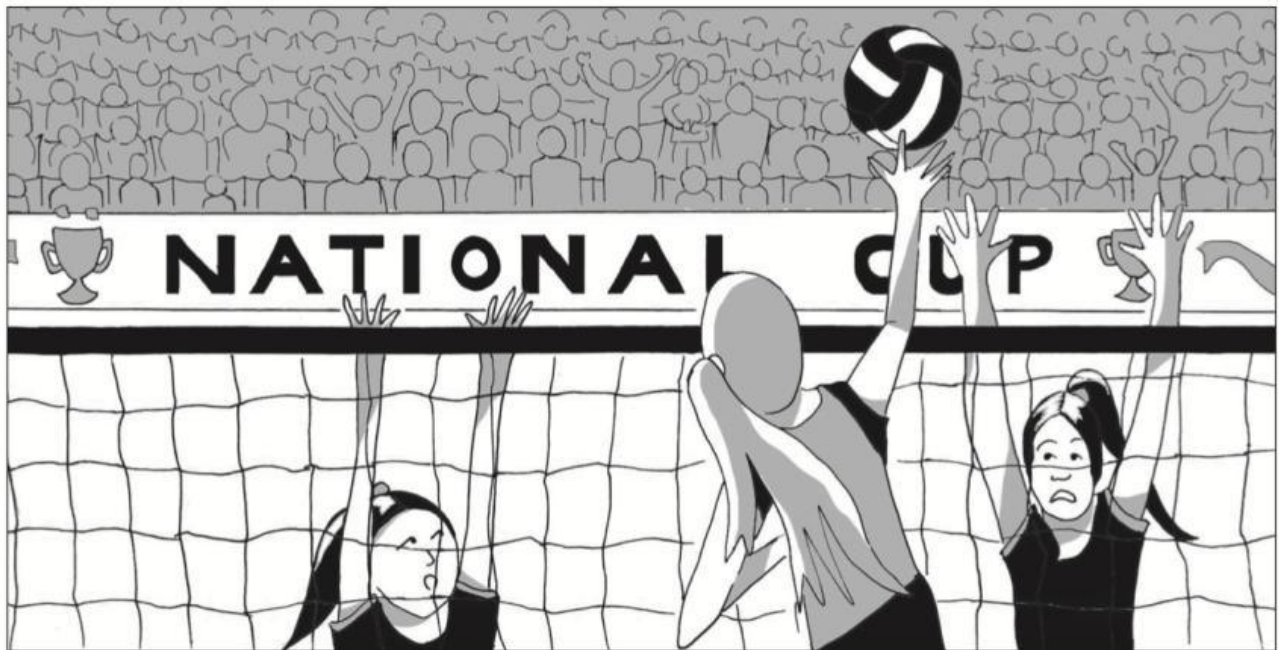


### 1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- Are you a fan of watching or playing sports? Why/Why not?
- Do you think there are any life lessons to be learned from sports?

### 2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

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Volleyball has had a big, big <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on my life so I couldn't  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my luck when my family managed to get tickets to the  
 national finals. I was going to cheer for players who <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me  
 so much and this was going to be our year!

When we lost, it was <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ devastating. Some of the players  
 were bawling their <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out, and the fans were in  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I felt so <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

My sister, the only family member who isn't a volleyball fan, thinks we're  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fools to take a sport so seriously. She says it blows her  
<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that losing a game could cause people to cry and talk  
 about it for weeks. I think she's a bit <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of our obsession!

### 3 Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- Would you ever be devastated by a sports result? Why/Why not?
- Do you think fans are total fools if they take sports too seriously? Why/Why not?
- What kind of people inspire you most?