

## Unit 23 I can talk about competitive sport pp. 68-69

### PART A. A CUP COMPETITION



#### Glossary

at home	If a team plays <b>at home</b> , they play in their own stadium. <b>OPP</b> away.
qualify for sth	be good enough to enter a competition. <b>qualification</b> N.
knockout	In a <b>knockout</b> competition, the winner at each stage continues in the competition, but the loser is no longer in it.
runner(s)-up	a person or team who comes second in a competition.
the rest (of sth)	the remaining people or things; the others.
eliminate sb from sth	<b>USUALLY PASSIVE</b> If a team is <b>eliminated</b> from a competition, it has been beaten and can no longer take part in it. <b>SYN</b> <b>knock sb out of sth.</b>
draw	an act of deciding sth by pulling names out of a bag. <b>be drawn (against sb)</b> V.
round	a stage in a sports competition.
get through (to sth)	reach the next stage in a competition.
neutral	not belonging to either of the teams who are playing.
venue	a place where an organized event happens.
victory	success in a game, war, etc. <b>victorious</b> ADJ.

#### 1. Choose the correct option: TRUE or FALSE?

1. TRUE FALSE If you qualify for a competition, you will win it.
2. TRUE FALSE A venue is the last game in a competition.
3. TRUE FALSE The runner-up comes second in a competition.
4. TRUE FALSE In the knockout stage of a competition, every team plays more than one game.
5. TRUE FALSE If you are eliminated, that is the end of your competition.
6. TRUE FALSE If you are victorious, it is a good result.
7. TRUE FALSE If you play away, you're at a neutral venue.
8. TRUE FALSE The draw is a way of deciding which teams play against each other.

#### 2. Complete the text with relevant words.

We did well in the cup this year. We played \_\_\_\_\_ in the first \_\_\_\_\_ but managed to win, then we were \_\_\_\_\_ at home in the next two rounds and had fairly easy \_\_\_\_\_. In the \_\_\_\_\_ for the quarter-final, we had to play the \_\_\_\_\_ from the last year, but we played really well and \_\_\_\_\_ to the semi-final. Unfortunately, we then lost because one or two of our best players were injured in training, and that seemed to affect the \_\_\_\_\_ of the team. However, at least we were \_\_\_\_\_ by the team that went on to win the competition.

## PART B. PLAYING WELL AND PLAYING BADLY

At the beginning of the season our **form** in the **league** was poor, but we've had a **good run** lately, and we're **unbeaten** now in five games.

We had an **outside chance of promotion** before Christmas, but now we've got **no chance**.

Carter was **in great form** for us last season, but recently he's **let us down**.

When the opposition put us **under pressure**, we just **went to pieces**.

We **dominated** the game and were **on the verge of** winning, then we **gave away** a silly penalty.

### spotlight chance

**Chance** is used in many phrases as it can mean a *possibility* (a fact that sth might happen) or an *opportunity* (a situation which makes sth possible):  
We've got an **outside chance of** promotion. (= a small chance) or a **great chance**.  
This season could be my **big chance**. (= opportunity for success)  
He's retiring soon, so this is his **last chance**. (= final opportunity)

### Glossary

<b>form</b>	the way in which sb is performing (sb <b>in</b> or <b>on</b> good/great form is performing well; sb who is <b>off form</b> is performing badly).
<b>league</b>	a set of teams who play each other over a season to find the best team.
<b>a (good/bad) run</b>	a period of performing well or badly.
<b>unbeaten</b>	not having lost.
<b>promotion</b>	the action of moving a team up to a higher league. <b>be promoted</b> v. OFF <b>relegation</b> n, <b>be relegated</b> v.
<b>let sb down</b>	fail to give sb the help and support they need.
<b>under pressure</b>	in a stressful situation, often because sb is forcing you to do sth in a certain way.
<b>go to pieces</b>	INF become very nervous or upset and unable to perform.
<b>dominate</b>	(in sport) play better than sb and be in control of the game. SYN <b>be on top</b> . <b>dominant</b> ADJ.
<b>on the verge of sth</b>	near to the moment of doing or achieving sth.
<b>give sth away</b>	lose a game, point, or competition through a bad mistake.

3. One word is missing in each line of the text. What is it and where does it go? In the first column write ONE WORD that precedes the missing word and in the second - write the missing word itself.

We've been good form recently, and last Saturday we started the match really well, and we the first half. Then, at the start of the second half, they put us a lot of pressure, and we gave a silly goal. After that, I'm afraid, we completely went pieces. I thought our goalkeeper, in particular, really let us. And after losing that game, we have no of promotion this year. In fact, if we go on playing badly, we could be at the end of the season.

Preceding word	Missing word
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

**4. Rewrite the sentences on the left without changing the meaning.**

1. They've done well recently. They've had a good \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She could win at the Olympics. The Olympics could be her big \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We could go up to the next league. We could be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We're close to victory. We're on the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We haven't lost this season. We are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Recently he's been playing badly. Recently he's been off \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We dominated most of the game. For most of the game we were on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (write two options).