

## READING

### *International Sporting Events*



**A.** People wonder what's enjoyable about watching a cycling race. I say, come to the Tour de France and find out. The event was started in 1903 by a French newspaper company. It was a great success and, over the years, its popularity has grown. Each year, riders follow a different route and cover a distance of around 4,000 km. One of the best places to watch is from a mountainside. You must arrive early as roads are closed about three hours before the race. Despite the out-of-the-way location, you'll be there with several hundred thousand people, and there's a great party atmosphere. Just before the bikes come into view, you hear helicopters overhead, see cars with TV cameras approaching and then the cyclists (with the race leader in his distinctive yellow T-shirt) pedalling furiously. The sight is unforgettable!



**B.** Wimbledon is a magnificent place to visit if you're in London during the summer. The world famous tennis tournament was first organised in Wimbledon in 1877 by the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. The competition had only 22 male participants. Then, in 1884, the Ladies' Singles and Men's Doubles were introduced, and by 1905 the venue had achieved global status. Today, Wimbledon hosts one of the most prestigious tennis tournaments in the world, and over 450,000 people attend each year. Despite its important reputation, however, the tournament has a great, relaxed atmosphere. People watch tennis, wander around the site, spot the tennis stars, buy gifts and eat the famous strawberries and cream. That's something you ought to try! More than 27,000 kilos of strawberries are eaten at Wimbledon every year, so they must be good!



**C.** The annual Formula One Championship attracts TV audiences all around the world and now ranks third in popularity behind only the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup. The sport of motor racing started in France in the late 1800s when car producers decided to use races to promote the first cars. The first races were on roads, with spectators at both sides of the streets as the cars went past at about 24km per hour! But new inventions soon made cars faster and faster, and many drivers were killed in the early days. The first race for a new category of racing car - Formula One - took place on a specially built track in Silverstone, England in 1950. Since then, Formula One has become a billion-dollar-high-tech industry, with superstar drivers and over 20 races a year in many different countries.

## A. Which sporting event

1. is well known for a particular food? \_\_\_\_\_
2. takes place in remote locations? \_\_\_\_\_
3. was originally not open to women competitors? \_\_\_\_\_
4. has involved some fatal accidents? \_\_\_\_\_
5. was once supported by vehicle manufactures? \_\_\_\_\_
6. was originally begun by a media organization? \_\_\_\_\_
7. takes place at the same location every year? \_\_\_\_\_
8. has changed a lot as a result of new technology? \_\_\_\_\_

**8 marks  
(1 each)**



## Esports

Last summer over 12,000 fans were at Wembley Arena in London, shouting and cheering. Thousands more were watching online. (1)\_\_\_\_\_. It was esports, or competitive computer gaming. The prize money for the winners: £3 million.



Millions of people in the UK play games for fun. Some of them have become professional gamers, playing games as their full-time job. Did you know that football teams such as West Ham and Manchester City employ esports players? They send them around the world to compete in football video game competitions. It's not easy being a professional gamer. (2)\_\_\_\_\_. They do exercises like typing something and trying to type it faster and faster. They also study videos of other players and plan ways to beat them.

As well as playing games, many people like watching them too. (3)\_\_\_\_\_. In the UK there's also a TV channel showing esports 24 hours a day. They can be exciting to watch: just like other sports, there are close games, last-minute victories and amazing performances. Sometimes online viewers can interact with the game. For example, some games rename characters in the game with the names of online viewers!

But are esports really sports? Are players athletes? (4)\_\_\_\_\_. Esports players don't need to run, jump, throw or do big physical actions. At the moment, the UK government classifies esports as kinds of games, not as sports.

But others say yes: esports are sports. Players do need some physical skills, especially hand-eye coordination, reflexes, accuracy and timing. If darts, snooker and shooting are classified as sports, then perhaps esports should be too. (5)\_\_\_\_\_. They will be an official medal sport in the Asian Games starting from 2022. Next step: the Olympics?

For many esports fans and players, though, the most important thing is that esports are growing in popularity and importance. If esports are not as important as sports at the moment, they definitely will be in the near future.

### B. Insert these phrases in the text

- A. Some say no.
- B. They practise for ten or more hours a day, five or six days a week.
- C. In fact, governments of China and South Korea classify esports as sports.
- D. But it wasn't a football, basketball or tennis match.
- E. You can watch games on video sites like Twitch and YouTube.

5 marks  
(1 each)



## WRITING

You should write either A or B

**A. You received this email from your English-speaking friend. Write your e-mail and giving advice.**

Hello!  
*I hope you are well. I'm visiting Uruguay for the first time next month. Could give me some advice? Can you tell me about a nice place to stay? Do you think I should rent an apartment or book a room in a hotel? Which places do you recommend me? Do you think it is a good idea to rent a car?*  
Thanks a lot  
Love,  
Michael

Or

- **After a discussion in class your teacher asked you to write an essay for homework**

**It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.**

**Write about 120 words**



## Gerunds and Infinitives

Put the verb into the correct form:

1. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the party with you.
2. He enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bath in the evening.
3. Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a hand?
4. I've finished \_\_\_\_\_ (cook). Come and eat!
5. He decided \_\_\_\_\_ (study) Biology.
6. I promise \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you tomorrow.
7. I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) yet.

Choose the best answer to fill the gap in each of the following.

- 1- When I started to work here I needed a lot of help, but now I----- all the work on my own.

• **am used to doing**                      . **used to do**

- 2- We were surprised to see her driving – she-----when we first met her.

**a. didn't use to drive**                      . **got used to driving**

- 3- Don't worry, it's a simple program to use. You.....it in no time, I'm sure.

. **are used to**                      . **will get used to**

**Choose the past simple or past continuous:**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you last night?
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in a café when you \_\_\_\_\_ (call).
3. Susie \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a film when she \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the noise.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis when John \_\_\_\_\_ (hurt) his ankle.

**For the adjectives from the words in brackets**

1. I think watching too much TV can be ----- for young children (**HARM**)
2. I have had very----- holidays this year. They were great. (**ENJOY**)
3. Thomas is very-----, He usually saves his pocket money. (**SENSE**)
4. There's a pen mark on the sofa but it's not very-----(**NOTICE**)
5. He tried to paint his bedroom, but he wasn't very-----.(**SUCCESS**)