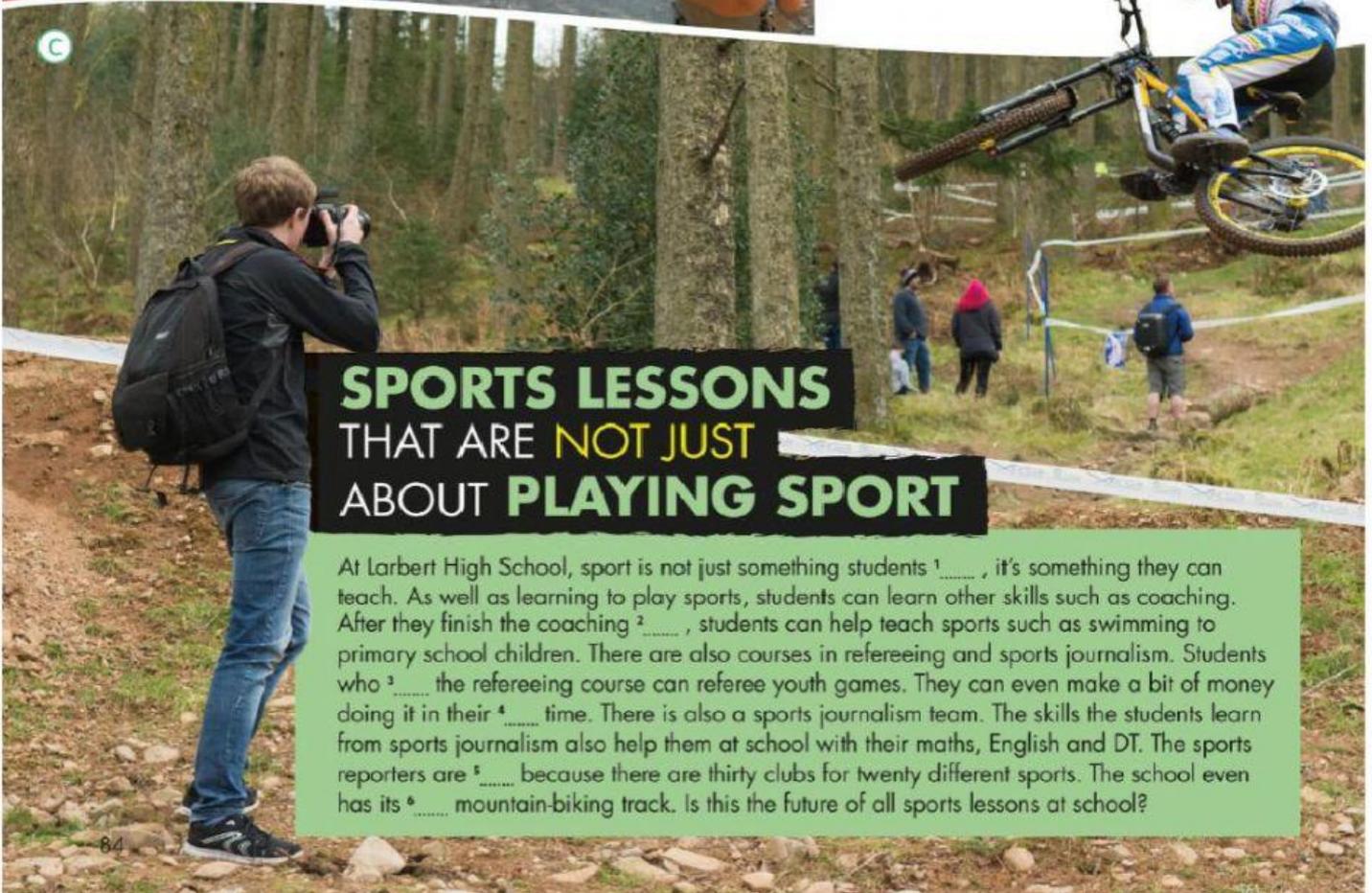


Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Activity

- 1 Look at the photos (A–C). What's the sport in each photo? What are the people doing?



## SPORTS LESSONS THAT ARE NOT JUST ABOUT PLAYING SPORT

At Larbert High School, sport is not just something students <sup>1</sup>....., it's something they can teach. As well as learning to play sports, students can learn other skills such as coaching. After they finish the coaching <sup>2</sup>....., students can help teach sports such as swimming to primary school children. There are also courses in refereeing and sports journalism. Students who <sup>3</sup>..... the refereeing course can referee youth games. They can even make a bit of money doing it in their <sup>4</sup>..... time. There is also a sports journalism team. The skills the students learn from sports journalism also help them at school with their maths, English and DT. The sports reporters are <sup>5</sup>..... because there are thirty clubs for twenty different sports. The school even has its <sup>6</sup>..... mountain-biking track. Is this the future of all sports lessons at school?

### Read on

- 2 Read the article below quickly. What is unusual about sports lessons at Larbert High School?

#### exam tip: multiple-choice cloze

Think about words that go together. For example: *play/teach/watch football* (but not *make football*).

- 3 e Read the exam tip. Read the article again and choose the correct answer (A, B or C) for each gap.

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|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1 A make   | B go       | C do      |
| 2 A course | B study    | C subject |
| 3 A lose   | B complete | C miss    |
| 4 A other  | B empty    | C free    |
| 5 A busy   | B full     | C fast    |
| 6 A only   | B own      | C one     |

4 Read the article below. Does Paddy enjoy being a tennis coach? \_\_\_\_\_

5 Read the article again and answer the questions.

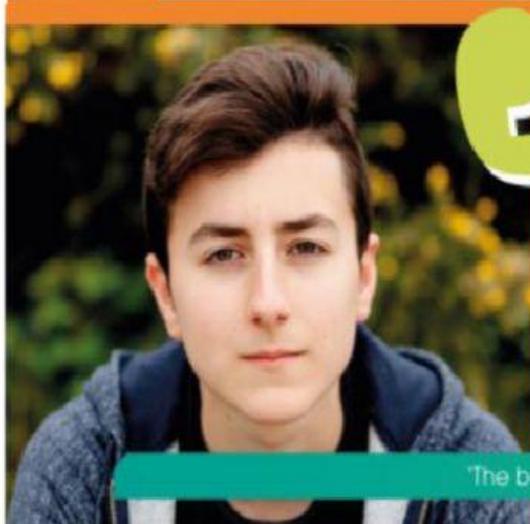
- 1 What do some of the children find difficult at the beginning of their classes? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What does Paddy find hard about coaching sometimes? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Why does Paddy never teach alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How does Paddy think he's got better as a coach? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How does Paddy feel about the things the children ask him? \_\_\_\_\_

6 Find words or phrases in the article that have these meanings.

- 1 get better (*v*)
- 2 the thing you use to hit a tennis ball (*n*)
- 3 a fully-grown person (*n*)
- 4 easy to understand (*adj*)
- 5 the thing you like the most (*adj*)



## Meet Paddy, the teen tennis coach



Hi, my name's Paddy and I'm a tennis coach. I teach children from the age of five. When they start, most children can't hit the ball at all – it goes everywhere! Some of the children I'm teaching at the moment couldn't hold a racket properly when they started. It's great to see them improve. I find coaching quite easy, but big groups of kids can be difficult to control. Luckily, I always work with an adult – I can't teach on my own yet because of my age. I think I'm a better coach now than I was a year ago. I could explain things well, but at first the children didn't listen to me because I talked too much! Now they can understand me better because my instructions are clearer and simpler. The funny thing about the little kids I teach is that they ask loads of questions! They want to know all about me: 'What's your favourite food?' 'Can you play the guitar?' Sometimes they ask too many questions!

"The ball's in your court" means "it's your decision now".

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