

# Sport and hobbies

Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when this is necessary.

- 1 I need to buy a new pair of ..... (TRAIN).
- 2 Ellie used to ..... (PRACTICE) for hours to learn to juggle properly.
- 3 That was the most ..... (INTEREST) book I've ever read. I can't wait for the sequel!
- 4 Would you describe yourself as a ..... (COMPETE) person?
- 5 Many professional basketball players earn a ..... (FORTUNE) these days.
- 6 F.A. stands for Football ..... (ASSOCIATE).
- 7 The gold, silver and bronze ..... (MEDAL) took their places on the podium for the presentation ceremony.
- 8 In Britain, the money parents give their children is often called pocket money. In America, it's often called an ..... (ALLOW).
- 9 I'm afraid the swimming pool is closed at the moment as they're carrying out some essential ..... (MAINTAIN).

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

## *A snooker player speaks*

When I first started playing snooker, I had no real (1) ..... of the rules. I just thought it looked an (2) ..... game. Also, I didn't need to buy any expensive (3) ..... because the snooker hall near my house had tables and cues. I spent (4) ..... all the free time I had practising, and then decided to enter a (5) ..... . It was great fun! My (6) ..... was someone who'd been playing for years. Of course, he beat me, but the fact that I'd (7) ..... didn't put me off at all. And, (8) ..... , my game improved enough for me to become a professional snooker player three years ago.

KNOW  
ENJOY  
EQUIP  
PRACTICAL  
COMPETE  
OPPOSE  
LOSE  
FORTUNE

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### A new hobby

I saw some badminton on TV and found it quite (1) ..... , so I thought I'd see if there was a club or (2) ..... in my area. I looked everywhere but, (3) ..... , the nearest club was 80 kilometres away. So, without any (4) ..... , I decided to form my own club. It was very hard in the beginning – I didn't have any (5) ..... and I had to convince a few people that it was an (6) ..... way to keep fit. I organised a small (7) ..... , which was a lot of fun, and things started to grow from there. Now we've got a full-time (8) ..... and our (9) ..... come from all over the country. One of our members was even a bronze (10) ..... in the national championship!

INTEREST  
ASSOCIATE  
FORTUNE  
KNOW  
EQUIP  
ENJOY  
COMPETE  
TRAIN  
OPPOSE  
MEDAL

Match to make sentences.

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| 1 I refuse to put .....                          | A up a martial art, to defend yourself.             |
| 2 The current champion was knocked .....         | B to swimming as soon as she tried it.              |
| 3 I used to love basketball, but I've gone ..... | C out in the second round of the competition.       |
| 4 The trainer asked us to carry .....            | D out of the race because of a last minute injury.  |
| 5 The organisers had to bring .....              | E on with the activity while he answered the phone. |
| 6 You should think about taking .....            | F off team sports lately.                           |
| 7 Although she was very young, Olivia took ..... | G the race forward by a week.                       |
| 8 Rob had to pull .....                          | H up with people who cheat at games.                |

Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- Our tennis match started at one o'clock and we were still playing at four. **been**  
At four o'clock, we ..... three hours.
- Terry never used to spend so much time playing on his computer. **use**  
Terry ..... spend so much time playing on his computer.
- Before we play, check all the cards are there. **certain**  
Before we play, ..... all the cards are there.
- Hang-gliding can be dangerous, but after a while you don't mind it. **used**  
Hang-gliding can be dangerous, but after a while you ..... it.
- I ran fifteen miles, and then my trainer told me to do fifty push-ups! **already**  
When my trainer told me to do fifty push-ups, I ..... fifteen miles!



- 6 We wouldn't spend so much time indoors when I was young. **used**  
We ..... so much time indoors when I was young.
- 7 I spend a lot of my time on my hobbies. **up**  
My hobbies ..... a lot of my time.
- 8 I would rather play ludo than snakes and ladders. **prefer**  
I ..... ludo rather than snakes and ladders.
- 9 I don't think it's likely that you'll win the competition. **chance**  
I think there's ..... the competition.

Choose the correct answer.

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| <p>1 'Why were you so tired yesterday?'<br/>'Because I ..... all morning.'<br/>A jog                      C had been jogging<br/>B was jogged          D had been jogged</p> <p>2 It was the first time I ..... a live match.<br/>A was ever seeing      C had ever seen<br/>B had ever been seeing D was ever seen</p> <p>3 'You live in a huge house, don't you?'<br/>'Yes, but we ..... I'<br/>A didn't use to          C use not<br/>B wouldn't              D weren't used to</p> <p>4 I ..... the whole of <i>War and Peace</i> by<br/>the time I was seven years old.<br/>A was reading          C had read<br/>B had been reading D had been read</p> | <p>5 Karate hurt my hands at first, but I<br/>finally ..... it in the end.<br/>A got used to            C was used<br/>B was used to          D got use to</p> <p>6 I ..... for the match to begin when<br/>suddenly a dog ran onto the pitch.<br/>A had waited          C was waiting<br/>B waited                D wait</p> <p>7 Before she retired, my grandma ..... go<br/>for a run every morning before work.<br/>A use to                  C got used to<br/>B would                  D was used to</p> |
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Choose the correct answer.

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| <p>1 The ..... in the stadium all<br/>cheered the athletes.<br/>A viewers                C spectators<br/>B witnesses            D onlookers</p> <p>2 I got a new baseball ..... yesterday.<br/>A stick                    C racket<br/>B club                     D bat</p> <p>3 After a hard match, United managed<br/>to ..... with City, 1-1.<br/>A equal                    C draw<br/>B exact                    D score</p> <p>4 In this game, the players ..... it in<br/>turns to throw the dice.<br/>A take                     C make<br/>B do                        D have</p> | <p>5 It's nice to win, but the important<br/>thing is to ..... your best.<br/>A make                    C have<br/>B take                     D do</p> <p>6 Just ask them if you can play and I'm<br/>sure they'll let you .....<br/>A take up                C go off<br/>B join in                 D take to</p> <p>7 Everyone expects Johnson to .....<br/>Smith in today's final.<br/>A beat                    C win<br/>B score                   D champion</p> |
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