

## UNIT 8: SPORTS AND GAMES

### READING

#### Cloze test

**A. Choose the correct word A, B, or C for each of the gaps to complete the following text.**

Physical activity is the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ obvious benefit of sports participation. Children often spend too much time watching television or (2) \_\_\_\_\_ video games. But sports practices and games provide an opportunity for exercise that can help keep kids in shape and (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sports participation can help children develop social skills that will benefit them (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their entire lives. They learn to interact not only with other children their age, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ also with older individuals in their coaches and sports officials. Kids learn leadership skills, team-building skills and communication skills that will help them in school, their future (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and personal relationships.

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|----|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. | A. more    | B. much    | C. most   | D. least      |
| 2. | A. doing   | B. playing | C. paying | D. watching   |
| 3. | A. healthy | B. wealthy | C. happy  | D. funny      |
| 4. | A. for     | B. on      | C. at     | D. throughout |
| 5. | A. and     | B. so      | C. but    | D. then       |
| 6. | A. world   | B. career  | C. game   | D. shape      |

**B. Choose the correct word A, B, or C for each of the gaps to complete the following text.**

Soccer is a very (1) \_\_\_\_\_ sport in many countries. The World Cup is held every four years. Thirty-two teams from around the world compete in this (2) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2010, the world Cup was played in South Africa from June 26 to July 10. The games were watched on television by (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of people around the world. Spain (4) \_\_\_\_\_ this World Cup. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Netherlands in the final game by a score of 1 to 0. The next World Cup was in 2014 and it was played in Brazil.

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|----|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | A. unpopular | B. popular | C. popularity | D. unpopularity |
| 2. | A. tour      | B. tourist | C. tour guide | D. tournament   |
| 3. | A. million   | B. billion | C. millions   | D. thousand     |
| 4. | A. won       | B. win     | C. wins       | D. winning      |
| 5. | A. beats     | B. beated  | C. beating    | D. beat         |

## Reading comprehension

**A. Reading the following passage and choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best answers each of the questions below.**

Cheerleading is a very popular activity for girls in the USA. Most American secondary schools have got a cheerleading team. They cheer at sports matches at their school, for example, American football and basketball matches. Some teams also enter competitions. But is it really a sport? Over 50 per cent of Americans don't think so.

Hannah: "No, I don't think cheerleading is a sport. In my opinion, it's just dancing. The cheerleaders entertain the crowd at school sports events, but they're just sports fans in uniforms. At my school, cheerleading is just for girls, and only the pretty girls join the team. In cheerleading competitions, the teams don't score goals or points, like in football or tennis. I think cheerleading is stupid."

*(Source: Solutions elementary, 2nd edition)*

**1. What do cheerleaders do?**

- A. They sing to entertain the crowd.
- B. They cheer at sports matches at their school.
- C. They play American football and basketball.
- D. They form teams to practice sports.

**2. Which of the following sentences is true about Americans' opinion of cheerleading?**

- A. The majority of American people don't regard cheerleading as a sport.
- B. The minority of American people don't think cheerleading is a sport.
- C. Most Americans consider cheerleading as a sport.
- D. Americans want to make cheerleading a real sport.

**3. What does the word "fans" mean?**

- A. the people who go to see a sports event
- B. a group of people who do a sport together
- C. a person who loves a team, a singer, a band, and so on
- D. the people who join in a game

**4. According to Hannah, who are likely to become cheerleaders?**

- A. Everyone
- C. Sports fans
- B. Beautiful girls
- D. Dancers

**5. How does Hannah seem to feel about cheerleading?**

- A. It is interesting.
- C. It is difficult.
- B. It is entertaining.
- D. It is silly.

**B. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the question.**

Cristiano Ronaldo was born in 1985 in Portugal. He is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world. Ronaldo became a soccer superstar. He played for English team Manchester United, Spain's Real Madrid and for Portugal. He plays in midfield, from where he regularly scores goals. Ronaldo started kicking a ball around when he was three. He played very skillfully. When he was ten years old, he joined Sporting Lisbon and became the only player in their history.

In 2009, Ronaldo joined his boyhood heroes Real Madrid and became the most expensive footballer in history. He earned a lot of money at that time. He broke Real's scoring record in his second season with 53 goals in all competitions. In 2012, Diego Mara Dona said Ronaldo was "the best player on the planet".

**1. Where was Cristiano Ronaldo from?**

- A. England                      B. The South                      C. Portugal                      D. USA

**2. He became a \_\_\_\_\_ superstar.**

- A. volleyball                      B. football                      C. tennis                      D. badminton

**3. He began to kick a ball when he was \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. ten                      B. three                      C. twenty                      D. fifty three

**4. Why did Ronaldo become the most expensive footballer in history?**

- A. Because he played very badly.                      B. Because he practiced hard.  
C. Because he played skillfully.                      D. Because he earned a lot of money.

**5. He was said to be the best player on the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. world                      B. planet                      C. history                      D. supermarket