

Unit 31

Vocabulary

1 Complete.



The Trans World football ¹competition has just finished. The ²r_____ has left the field. The Irish team has won, so they are the ³c_____ of the world. Their ⁴t_____ is jumping up and down because he's very excited. The Irish ⁵s_____ are all shouting and singing. They're going crazy!

Vocabulary: sports

2 Complete. Use these words.

athlete competitor diet
flag mascot medal

- 1 Our team has a mascot for good luck.
- 2 A _____ is given as a prize in a sporting event.
- 3 A _____ is a piece of cloth, which is used as the symbol of a country.
- 4 An _____ is good at sports in which you have to run, jump or throw things.
- 5 It is important to have a healthy _____.
- 6 A _____ takes part in a competition.

Reading

3 Read. Tick (✓) true. Cross (✗) false.

Two Unusual Events

There used to be an event which was called the standing long jump. The man who was the star of this event was Ray Ewry, an American. This is how to do the standing long jump:



3 Lean forward more, and more, and even more. Bring your legs up and JUMP!

Can you jump 3.33 metres? You are as good as Ray Ewry!

There also used to be a rope climbing event. The idea was simple – the winner was the person who could climb up a 10-metre-long rope in the fastest time.

The last gold medal winner of the rope climbing event was Raymond Bass of the USA in 1932. He climbed 10 metres in 6.7 seconds.

- 1 The standing long jump is not in the modern Olympic Games.
- 2 Ray Ewry was a film star.
- 3 Ray Ewry jumped 3.33 metres.
- 4 The winner of the rope climbing event was the person who climbed the longest rope.
- 5 Raymond Bass won the rope climbing event.
- 6 The last rope climbing event was in 1932.