

Module 1

Reading

1 a) Read the text and decide if the statements are True or False.

1 Rafael Nadal has a fear of storms and sleeping without a light on. T F

2 Rafa often gets into fights with opponents when he loses a single point. T F

3 Rafa has been playing tennis since the age of 15. T F

4 At the start of his career, sports journalists didn't think Rafa dressed like a tennis player. T F

5 Nowadays, Rafa wears sports clothes that more reflect his off-court style. T F

Sports Superstar

Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal - or "Rafa" as he is known to his fans - is one of the most interesting characters in sport today. When playing tennis, Rafa is fierce, fearless and confident. Sports journalists describe him as looking like an angry bull on court - eyebrows raised, lips curled, eyes burning a hole in his opponent. Yet, off court, Rafa is shy, sensitive and uncertain. He is afraid of dogs, spiders, and thunder and lightning. He is even afraid of sleeping in the dark!

It seems strange that a 6ft 1in, 85kg muscular athlete who is so confident on court, could be so unsure in real life. Rafa, the tennis player, is famous for his mental toughness, physical strength and aggressive playing style. His opponents know he will fight for every single point. His fans love the fact that he never gives up. However, the off-court Rafa is gentle and modest. Everyone who meets him says the same thing: he is 'educado', as they say in Spanish. Not so much educated in the formal sense (Rafa left school when he turned professional at 15), but educated in manners and character. Rafa is polite and respectful to everyone he meets. Indeed, even though Rafa is one of the best players in tennis history, he is probably the most humble No. 1 the game has ever known.

Rafa's fans also love his distinctive style. When Rafa first started playing professional tennis, he wore baggy, sleeveless shirts (that were always in very vivid colours), three-quarter length trousers and bandanas. Sports journalists said he looked like a pirate! No other player dressed like him. These days, Rafa sports a more traditional style. He wears a polo shirt and shorts cut above the knee - just like the rest of the players on tour. But he is still distinctive. His shirts are almost always tight-fitting. He also wears tennis shoes that have his nickname "Rafa" on the right shoe and a picture of a bull on the left. Yet, even during the early days of his career when he dressed so distinctively on court, Rafa has always dressed normally - even conservatively - off court. Rafa's everyday clothes are shirts and V-neck sweaters. At parties he often wears a blazer. Rafa's dual personality and style has always been one of the most appealing things about him!

Listening

2 Listen to a lecture about friendship and decide if statements 1-8 are **True** or **False**.

1 The lecture is taking place in the university where Dr Arken works. T F

2 Dr Arken has recently released a book about friendship. T F

3 Dr Arken states that animals have friends, too. T F

4 Dr Arken believes that having Internet friends does not mean they are true friends. T F

5 Dr Arken believes that a true friend is someone you see face to face. T F

6 Dr Arken believes that most people have a small number of true friends. T F

7 Dr Arken has a Twitter account. T F

8 Dr Arken thinks that it's impossible to make true friends over the Internet. T F



(8x1=8)

Speaking

3 Choose the correct response.

1 A: What is she like? ...
B: **a** She is jealous of me.
b She's gentle and polite.

2 A: This is my cousin, Sandra. ...
B: **a** Nice to meet you.
b I'm from London.

3 A: I'm sorry I'm late. ...
B: **a** I'm off now.
b Never mind.

4 A: Hello! I'm Tony. ...
B: **a** Hi, Tony. I'm Becky.
b I know what you mean.

5 A: What does he look like? ...
B: **a** He's tall and slim.
b He's patient.

(5x2=10)

Vocabulary

4 Fill in with: ...

complexion originally deceitful harsh behaviour
remarkably conservative seek rich provide

- 1 London is a city ... in history. ...
- 2 You have to follow a code of ... in the workplace. ...
- 3 Don't trust him; he's a ... person. ...
- 4 Alex has a high-paying job so he can ... his family with everything they need. ...
- 5 He is going to ... his fortune in the city. ...
- 6 The locals are ... friendly and welcoming to tourists. ...
- 7 He's got a pale ... and blue eyes. ...
- 8 Life in the desert is ...; it's not easy at all. ...
- 9 He looks very ... in his white shirt, black tie and black trousers. ...
- 10 Historians believe Native Americans ... came to the American continent from Asia. ...

Grammar

5 Choose the correct word. ...

- 1 Nathan **has/is having** a bad day today. ...
- 2 Sam, have you fixed your watch **just/yet**? ...
- 3 I have **ever/never** been to Rome. ...
- 4 Mum, this apricot pie you made **tastes/is tasting** delicious! ...
- 5 I've been learning Italian **since/for** a long time. ...
- 6 I **have been trying/have tried** to find something nice to wear for hours. ...
- 7 I haven't done the dishes **yet/already**. ...
- 8 He **has/is having** an amazing apartment in the city. ...
- 9 They've been watching TV **since/from** the morning. ...
- 10 They have **yet/just** got back from the movies. ...

6 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense. **CHECK** 

- 1 What **(you/do)** since 10 o'clock this morning? 
- 2 Katie **(play)** basketball with her friends every Thursday. 
- 3 I **(go)** to a party tonight. 
- 4 They **(already/eat)** dinner. 
- 5 How often **(you/read)** a newspaper? 
- 6 **(she/surf)** the Internet now? 
- 7 They **(talk)** to each other for hours. 
- 8 He looks tired because he **(not/sleep)** well. 
- 9 When **(she/move)** to France? In May. 
- 10 I **(have)** this hair colour for five years. 

7 Choose the correct item. 

- 1 Can you look **after/out** my cat while I'm away this weekend? 
- 2 I am very attached **to/in** my family. 
- 3 I look forward **to/about** meeting him when he arrives. 
- 4 Why are you jealous **of/in** her? 
- 5 Can you look **up/out** the number in the yellow pages, please? 

Complete the email with the words below. 

kind

complexion

wonderful

caring

problems

course

really

wanted

line

smile

athletic

though

Dear Carrie,

I hope everything's OK. I just 1)  to drop you a 2)  about life in New York.

My 3)  's going well and my teacher, Mr Kennedy, is 4) . Mr Kennedy is very tall and 5) . He's got short brown hair and brown eyes. He's got a dark 6)  and a beautiful 7) . He's always smartly-dressed in a shirt and black trousers.

Mr Kennedy is very 8) . He never shouts. He's 9)  too, and always tries to help us when we're having 10) . Sometimes he can be a bit too quiet 11) .

I think he's a great teacher. We're 12)  lucky to have him. Must go now. Write soon.

Love,

Elsa