Hobbies, sport and games

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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pitch / track / court / course / ring / rink	umpire / referee	sport / athletics
win / beat / score	final / finale / end / ending	interval / half time
play / game	bat / stick / rod / racket	draw / equal
spectator / viewer	amateur / professional	competitor / opponent

Phrasal verbs

bring forward change the date/time of an event so it happens earlier	**knock out** defeat and remove from a competition; make unconscious
carry on continue	**look out** be careful
get round to start (after planning to do sth for a long time)	**pull out** stop being involved in an activity
get up to do; do sth you should not do	**put off** delay, postpone
go in for enter (a competition, etc); like	**put up with** tolerate
go off stop liking	**take to** start (as a habit)
join in participate, take part	**take up** start (a hobby, sport, etc); fill an amount of space/time

Phrases and collocations

best	make the best of sth; do your best; the best at sth/doing
chance	have/take/get a chance to do; have a chance of doing; some/little/etc chance of (your) doing; the chances of (your) doing; take a chance (on sth); chance of a lifetime
go	your go; have a go
height	in height; afraid of heights; height of sth
mad	mad about/on sth/sb/doing; go/become mad
pleasure	take pleasure in sth/doing; gain/get pleasure from sth/doing
popular	popular with/among
side	(on) the opposite side; (on) the far side; side with sb; on the winning/losing side
talent	have a talent (for sth/doing); talent contest
time	on time; (just) in time; the whole time; high/about time; take your time (doing); take time to do; sth takes up (your) time; spend time doing; spend time on; at/for a certain time; time passes; find time to do; make/find time for; for the time being; have a good/nice time (doing); tell the time; free/spare/leisure time
turn	turn (a)round/away; turn sth over; in turn; take turns; take it in turn(s) (to do); your turn (to do)

Word patterns

compete against/with sb; compete for/in sth	**listen** to sth/sb
concentrate on sth/doing	**love** sth/sb/doing; love to do
difficult to do; find sth difficult; find it difficult to do	**mean** to do; it/this means that; it/this means sth/doing
fond of sth/sb/doing	**prefer** to do (rather than [to] do); prefer sth (rather than sth); prefer sth/doing (to sth/doing)
free to do; free from/of sth; free for sth	**stop** sth/doing; stop to do; stop sb from doing
interested in sth/doing	**sure/certain** make/be sure/certain that; sure/certain to do; be sure/certain of sth
involve sth/doing; involved in sth/doing	

Word formation

allow disallow, allowance, allowable	**fortune** misfortune, (un)fortunate(ly)	**medal** medallist, medallion
associate disassociate, association, (un)associated	**interest** (un)interesting(ly)	**oppose** opposition, opponent, opposite, opposing
compete competition, competitor, competitive(ly)	**know** knowledge, (un)knowledgeable	**practice** practise, (im)practical(ly)
enjoy enjoyment, enjoyable	**lose** lost, loss	**train** retrain, trainer
equip equipment, equipped	**maintain** maintenance	

LIVEWORKSHEETS

D Write one word in each gap.

1 Tony never used to want to join ..... with the other kids in the playground.
2 Look ..... ! There's a car coming!
3 Simone's ..... to wearing a helmet whenever she goes cycling.
4 I was thinking of taking ..... scuba diving until I found out how expensive the equipment is.
5 They were knocked ..... in the semi-final.
6 Maybe we should bring the meeting ..... to this Tuesday instead of having it in two weeks' time.
7 Becca had to pull ..... of the race when she sprained her ankle.
8 Melissa doesn't ..... in for adventure sports.

Phrases and collocations

E Choose the correct answer.

1 Why don't you ..... a go? It's not difficult!
A make C do
B have D set

2 Carl wasn't very good at mountain climbing as he's afraid of ..... .
A highs C heights
B highness D height

3 There's little ..... of our getting into the final.
A opportunity C luck
B chance D fortune

4 Rachel is mad ..... the Eurovision Song Contest.
A from C for
B against D about

5 Just ..... your best – that's all anyone can ask of you.
A do C be
B make D have

6 It's ..... time you learned to swim.
A big C high
B tall D far

7 Grandma ..... a lot of pleasure from gardening.
A does C makes
B has D gets

8 ..... your time – don't rush.
A Tell C Spend
B Find D Take

9 Each player takes it ..... turn to roll the dice.
A on C at
B in D to

10 Time ..... so quickly when you're doing something enjoyable.
A takes C passes
B spends D finds

11 Our new coach is popular ..... the whole team.
A for C by
B to D with

12 She'd ..... hours lying on her bed, reading.
A spend C make
B take D pass

13 He'd been planning to leave the team the ..... time, and hadn't told anyone.
A complete C total
B whole D full

14 I'm not siding ..... her because she's my sister, but because she's right.
A from C to
B for D with

Word patterns

F Match to make sentences.

1 I'm not very fond ..... A in playing for the school team.
2 She's interested ..... B to find enough time to have any hobbies.
3 You should concentrate ..... C to try to find the golf balls we'd lost.
4 I used to find it difficult ..... D of playing in goal.
5 Let's listen ..... E from finishing the game.
6 We stopped ..... F to what the coach thinks first.
7 The bad weather stopped us ..... G on getting fit.

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