

● 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	

Topic vocabulary in contrast**A** Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

- 1 We used to go skating at the ice every Saturday.
- 2 Keith had never seen such a large golf until he went to Scotland.
- 3 We all met at the basketball at half past three.
- 4 It's called a boxing , but it's actually square!
- 5 For the 800 metres race, you have to run round the twice.
- 6 The football match had to be called off because the was flooded.
- 7 Our team until half time, but in the second half the other team three goals, and so they us. But it was a great match!
- 8 Adrian got a new fishing for his birthday.
- 9 Can I borrow your tennis ?
- 10 Why are hockey such a strange shape?
- 11 I'd spend hours putting linseed oil on my cricket to keep the wood strong.

course
court
pitch
ring
rink
track

beat
win
score

bat
stick
rod
racket

B Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 The **umpire** / **referee** blew the whistle and the most important football match I've ever played began.
- 2 We used to play rugby in the winter term, football in the spring term, and we'd do **athletics** / **sport** and swimming in the summer term.
- 3 Do you fancy a **game** / **play** of cards?
- 4 I only do magic tricks for fun. I've never thought of becoming an **amateur** / **a professional** magician.
- 5 The play was so boring, we walked out during **half time** / **the interval**.
- 6 Coventry City **equalled** / **drew** 3-3 with Sunderland in the match last Saturday.
- 7 **Spectators** / **Viewers** who watched last week's programme will remember we were looking at the history of baseball.
- 8 We got through to the **final** / **finale**, but then lost to Cirencester.
- 9 Most people prefer films which have a happy **end** / **ending**.
- 10 Would all **opponents** / **competitors** please make their way to the starting line?

Phrasal verbs**C** 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.

- 1 I don't know how you can stand getting up so early to go to the pool. **put**
I don't know how you can up so early to go to the pool.
- 2 I've finally started sorting out my postcard collection. **round**
I've finally sorting out my postcard collection.
- 3 What did you do at the weekend? **get**
What did you at the weekend?
- 4 I'm not so keen on skiing now I've discovered snowboarding. **gone**
I've since I discovered snowboarding.
- 5 Why do you continue to have riding lessons if you can't afford them? **on**
Why do you riding lessons if you can't afford them?
- 6 We can't delay the match any longer. **put**
We can't any longer.

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.

G Water has damaged part of this text about sport at school. Read it and decide what you think each of the original words was. Write the words in the blank spaces.

Sport at school

I used to wear glasses when I was at school, and so I ~~sport~~ sport very difficult. I wanted to be involved ~~in~~ school sports competitions, and I loved the idea of teams competing ~~against~~ each other, but being on the rugby team, for example, ~~meant~~ having to take off my glasses, and that meant ~~I~~ I couldn't see! And it's difficult ~~to~~ catch a ball when you can't see it! So, I wasn't very good and the captains always ~~were~~ sure that I wasn't on their team. This meant I ~~was~~ free to do other activities, like being on the debating team, and actually I preferred to ~~do~~ things I was good at doing ~~than~~ than have everyone laugh at me.

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- 10

Word formation

H 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**).

I 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