



Extra Training

Use of English Task 1804

Read the text below. For questions (1-7) choose the correct answer.

I never really enjoyed (1)_____ at school. I remember when I played football. I was always in net, but used to get bored and read a book. Then, when the other side scored, the rest of my (2)_____ would shout at me. Later on, I tried tennis, which wasn't much better. I used to have this habit of dropping the racket each time I went to hit the ball. The worst thing was when I actually won a (3)_____ — I was so pleased that I ran and tried to jump over the line but caught my foot on it, fell and broke my arm.

My latest attempt to get (4)_____ was when I tried boxing at a local gym. I'll never target my first match.

I climbed into the (5)_____ and the bell went for the start of the first round. I just shut my eye and swung my fist. Unfortunately, I hit the referee and not my contestant. Needless to say, that was the end of my boxing career.

Next, I decided to take up mountaineering. I (6)_____ a holiday in the Himalayas with two old school friends. On our first climb I managed to slip and found myself hanging on the end of a rope halfway up a mountain. All my friends could do was to call out to me to (7)_____ until the rescue party arrived. I guess I'll never learn. I keep on wanting out other sports even though I know I'll never be a champion!

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| 1. | 1. plays | 2. sports | 3. contests | 4. encounters |
| 2. | 1. team | 2. group | 3. club | 4. selection |
| 3. | 1. play | 2. race | 3. fight | 4. game |
| 4. | 1. fit | 2. slim | 3. well | 4. strong |
| 5. | 1. pitch | 2. court | 3. ring | 4. square |
| 6. | 1. paid | 2. booked | 3. ordered | 4. bought |
| 7. | 1. go on | 2. keep on | 3. carry on | 4. hold on |

