

10.2 Competitive sport

Vocabulary competitive sport

- 1 Unscramble the words in bold to complete the sentences.
- 1 Uruguay won the first football World Cup final in 1930. **lanfi**
 - 2 The great Brazilian Formula One World Champion Ayrton Senna was very competitive and always wanted to win. **mopectvetii**
 - 3 Tiger Woods has won fourteen major golf titles in his career so far. **otmatnesur**
 - 4 Usain Bolt was a gold medal runner in the 100 and 200 metres at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. **rewnni**
 - 5 In 2001, Samoa played host Australia in a football match, and lost 31–0. **stagnia**
 - 6 The annual boat race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place for the first time in 1829. **ecar**

→ **STUDY TIP** Scrambling words is a good way of revising them. Choose ten or twelve words you want to learn. Try to memorize them. Then write them at random on a piece of paper, scrambled. Return to the piece of paper later in the day and see how many words you can remember.

- 2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

break compete lose play take win

Sixteen teams ¹ competed in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. In the final, Japan ² beat against the USA and ³ won the match in an exciting penalty shoot-out. They became the first Asian winners of the tournament.

Their win was surprising because, although the Japanese team had ⁴ taken part in earlier tournaments, they hadn't been very successful. They had ⁵ lost 8–0 to Sweden in 1991 and 5–0 to Russia in 1999. They had only won one match in the tournaments of 2003 and 2007. In the 2011 tournament, however, their top goalscorer Homare Sawa ⁶ set the record for scoring the most goals at a World Cup by an Asian player.

- 3 Complete the quick quiz with words and phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- 1 Which adjective describes a sportsperson who always wants to play and win?
competitive
- 2 Which word describes a competition when players or teams compete against each other in a number of matches, ending in a final?

- 3 What do you call eleven players in football but five players in basketball?

- 4 What do you call the Tour de France in cycling and the Monaco Grand Prix in motor sport?

- 5 What do you call the last match in the football World Cup?



Grammar using articles: *a/an, the, – (no article)*

- 4 Complete the famous sports quotes with *a, an, the* or – (no article).

I've never lost ¹ *a* game. I just ran out of ² time.

Michael Jordan
basketball superstar

You are never ³ loser until you stop trying.

Mike Ditka
American football coach

There are only three sports: ⁴ bullfighting, ⁵ motor racing, and ⁶ mountaineering; all ⁷ rest are merely ⁸ games.

Ernest Hemingway
novelist and sportsman

I love ⁹ Olympics, because they enable ¹⁰ people from all over ¹¹ world to come together and ... accuse each other of ¹² cheating.

Dave Barry
American sports journalist

PRONUNCIATION sounds

- 5a 10.2 Listen to the phrases and notice the weak /ə/ sound in the pronunciation of *a, an* and *the*. Why is *the* pronounced differently in phrase 4?

- 1 lose a match
- 2 win an Olympic medal
- 3 break the record
- 4 take part in the Olympics

- b 10.2 Listen again and repeat the phrases.

- 6 Complete the text about how sport has changed the lives of two people. Use *a, an, the* or – (no article).

Sport changed my life

Judith Hamer

¹ Life changed for Judith Hamer when, at ² age of fifteen, she had her right leg amputated below ³ knee. A year later, she was ⁴ member of ⁵ British wheelchair basketball team. She took part in ⁶ London Olympics in 2012, and, although her team didn't win ⁷ medal, they did really well, finishing seventh, which was better than they expected.



Joseph Kamau

Joseph Kamau is ⁸ 33-year-old boxer from ⁹ township of Kibera in South Africa. He had problems with ¹⁰ drugs, and belonged to ¹¹ violent street gang before he decided to join a boxing club organized by Fight for Peace, a charity that uses boxing and martial arts combined with education and personal development to realize ¹² potential of young people in communities that suffer from violence and crime.



I can ...

- talk about competition.
use definite, indefinite and zero articles.

Very well Quite well More practice

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