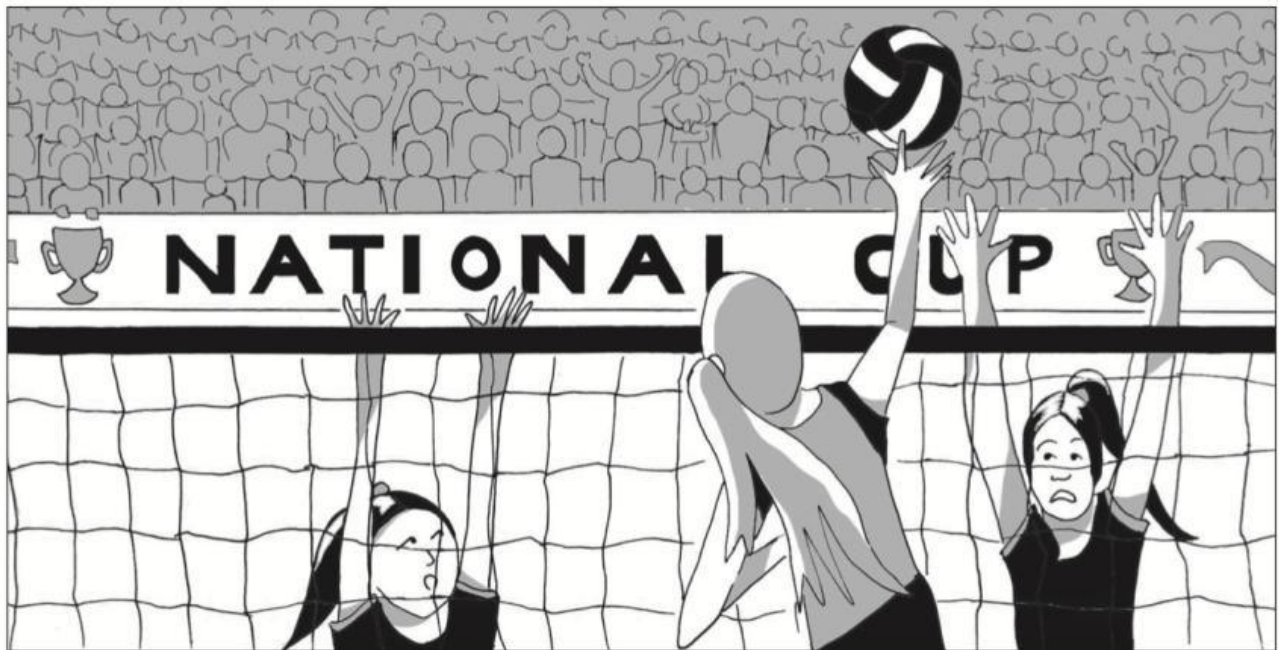


1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- Are you a fan of watching or playing sports? Why/Why not?
- Do you think there are any life lessons to be learned from sports?

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

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Volleyball has had a big, big ¹ _____ on my life so I couldn't ² _____ my luck when my family managed to get tickets to the national finals. I was going to cheer for players who ³ _____ me so much and this was going to be our year!

When we lost, it was ⁴ _____ devastating. Some of the players were bawling their ⁵ _____ out, and the fans were in ⁶ _____. I felt so ⁷ _____.

My sister, the only family member who isn't a volleyball fan, thinks we're ⁸ _____ fools to take a sport so seriously. She says it blows her ⁹ _____ that losing a game could cause people to cry and talk about it for weeks. I think she's a bit ¹⁰ _____ of our obsession!

3 Work in groups and discuss the questions.

- Would you ever be devastated by a sports result? Why/Why not?
- Do you think fans are total fools if they take sports too seriously? Why/Why not?
- What kind of people inspire you most?