



- Listen to the interview (for Ex. 5 p. 207) and fill in the missing words:

"Sports in the USA".

A- As I understand, American sports are in many ways different from sports.

Which mind answering a few questions?

B- Sure. I'll be only too glad to help you.

But I'm no expert, remember?

A- Don't about that. My questions are only a general ones.

For example, which sport in America is the most popular?

B- That's difficult to say.

It on your meaning of popular.

We consider baseball a national sport, but football too is popular and crowds of spectators.

A- Would you give me a few basic facts about these two?

B - Sure. Let's start with baseball.

This typical American game dates back before the Civil War.

Baseball is mainly a professional sport.

In other words, the players a salary.

There are 16 major teams and each one an American city.

A- Do all 16 teams play each other?

B- No, they don't. There are two leagues of eight teams.

Each and in the fall of the every year.

The winner of one league plays the winner of the other.

We call this contest the World Series, though it's a national

A- Does football have a World Series?

B- No, the major football teams belong to the colleges or universities and are non-professional.

There is no rigid national organization and no definite way to determine the national champion.

A- Do all the students attend these college games?

By no means, the college teams attract the general public.

Nearly all the major schools have built huge stadiums to take care of the

It's not at all unusual for 80 or 90,000 people to attend a game.

Besides, there are some professional teams.

A- And in what way does your football differ from European football?

B- In many ways, our football is much slower.

Football players play with an oval ball using their feet and hands and we have a special name for European football.

It's called in the United States.

A- You've given me a very good overall picture. I really do thank you.

B- You're more than welcome. I was only too glad to help you.

