

Lesson 2A

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VOCABULARY

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1 A Match the sentence beginnings (1–6) with the endings (a–f).

- 1 They seemed determined to win
- 2 I wish people would play
- 3 Yes, they're young, but you don't have to let
- 4 He wasn't injured, he was
- 5 If we try hard, I'm sure we'll come
- 6 You played by the rules, so you can definitely hold

- a fair and not cheat.
- b your head up and feel proud.
- c faking it!
- d at all costs.
- e out on top.
- f them win.

B Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1 Making fun of the losing team
a is playing fair
b comes out on top
c isn't the done thing
- 2 I hate it when people feel the need to win
a on top b at all costs c away with it
- 3 The way they cheated was!
a disgraceful b on top c the done thing
- 4 It was obvious he was only pretending to be injured and I can't believe he
a played fair b let us win c got away with it
- 5 I can't believe they managed to the referee into giving them a penalty.
a fake b con c win
- 6 I've never seen such obvious cheating! I don't know how he can
a play fair
b be the done thing
c hold his head up

2 A Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The underdog is a player or team that **no one** / **everyone** expects to win.
- 2 If you play for time, you **speed up** / **delay** a game.
- 3 If you bend the rules, you **follow** / **don't follow** them strictly.
- 4 Someone who is unbeaten has never **won** / **lost**.
- 5 If you concede, you **admit** / **refuse to admit** that you have lost a game.
- 6 The favourite is the player or team that people expect to **win** / **lose**.
- 7 When a football player dives, they **get up from** / **fall to** the ground.
- 8 If you put someone off, you do something to make them play **well** / **badly**.

B Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

bending concede diving favourite
play put unbeaten underdogs

- A: You missed a great match on Saturday. We beat United by four goals to nil!
- B: Wow! That's a good result!
- A: And United were the ¹ to win the tournament! They hadn't lost at all this season and were ² in twenty games before this one.
- B: I love it when the ³ win unexpectedly! How did United take it?
- A: Their manager was furious after the game. At first, he refused to ⁴ that they lost fairly and we were the better team. But their players were terrible! They kept ⁵ in the penalty area – throwing themselves on the ground! Luckily, the referee could see it wasn't genuine. And every time we got a free kick, they tried to ⁶ our players off. They were ⁷ the rules in every way they could – doing dodgy tackles, that kind of thing, but it didn't do them any good.
- B: I hope our team were well-behaved.
- A: Well, we did ⁸ for time and try to slow the game down a bit towards the end, but I think that's fair.
- B: Hmm, maybe.

GRAMMAR

cleft sentences

3 A Read the text. Then complete the cleft sentences (1–6). Use three or four words.

Exams can be stressful and some students worry about how well they will do. Making the badly judged decision to cheat the system, a mother in France who was good at English went to an English exam instead of her daughter. She wore skinny jeans to look more like a teenager and put on lots of make-up to disguise her face. The person supervising the exam saw through her disguise immediately. The school called the police, who then asked the mother to leave. The mother was charged with fraud.

- 1 What some students how well they will do in their exam.
- 2 What a mother in France an English exam instead of her daughter.
- 3 To look like a teenager, was a pair of skinny jeans.
- 4 To disguise her face, put on lots of make-up.
- 5 What the school the police.
- 6 What the mother fraud.