

Class

Name

Vocabulary Comprehension

① Fill in the blanks with the best words from the box.

hate	fond of	ought to	shoot	so-so
defeat	unbelievable	champion	ability	injure

- I'm really _____ that cake you always bake at Christmas. Can I have a copy of your recipe?
- Marissa shows a lot of _____, but she'll still have to practice.
- You _____ try mountain climbing. I think you'd love it!
- How did you _____ yourself? Did you fall?
- I was so good at tennis that my coach said I could be a world _____.
- I _____ watching TV. I'd rather be outside playing sports.
- Our team is so amazing. We've won every game. The papers wrote that no one can _____ us.
- The movie was just _____. I wouldn't watch it again.
- Marco's a(n) _____ hockey player. I'm glad he's on our team.
- Did you see Mr. West _____ the ball? I can't believe he scored from so far away!

Grammar Practice

② Fill in the blanks with the correct gerund or infinitive form of the given verb.

- I can't wait _____ (go) to the soccer tournament tomorrow.
- I think she did a great job _____ (block) the other team's players.
- Is John ever going _____ (learn) how to pass the ball?
- Mr. Smith says he needs _____ (look) at the new football field.
- I'm keen on _____ (work) with Mr. Peters to improve my game.

Expressions Practice

③ Read the sentences. Circle the response that shows the indicated amount of interest.

- What did you think of the soccer tournament on the weekend? (neutral)
Who cares? / It was so-so. / Whoa, no way!
- I'm going to try out for team captain. What do you think? (negative)
No one cares! / That's fantastic. / That's awesome.
- Our team is going to win the championship. (positive)
Cool. / That's fantastic. / Whatever.
- I feel like doing some photography this weekend. (positive)
Uh-huh. / Sounds fun. / Boring!

Reading Comprehension

Sports are an excellent extracurricular activity. They teach courage, ability, and willpower. However, in sports, injuries are nearly impossible to avoid. Even sports that don't seem like they would, like golf, can result in bad injuries. For example, during a tournament in 2008, golfer Tiger Woods broke his leg in two places. The breaks were small, and, unbelievably, they didn't stop him from continuing to play and win the championship. Football, on the other hand, is famous for the horrible injuries its players get. Professional football player Peyton Manning has had many complicated surgeries to try and correct problems he's had over the years. In 2011, he had a major neck surgery, and many people thought he was never going to play football again. But he didn't plan on giving up so easily. He made a huge effort, retraining himself to pass, block, and tackle. After a year, he was able to return to the game better than ever. In fact, he became a champion in 2016 when he helped his team win the Super Bowl. He was even named Most Valuable Player (MVP).

④ Circle true or false.

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| 1. Golf is a sport that is known for injuries. | true | false |
| 2. Tiger Woods might not have won if his leg injuries had been worse. | true | false |
| 3. Peyton Manning had a major surgery on his shoulders in 2011. | true | false |
| 4. Manning never intended to quit playing football. | true | false |
| 5. Manning did well in 2016 and was named captain of his team. | true | false |

⑤ Circle the correct answers.

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| 1. What is the passage mainly about?
a. how extracurricular activities often lead to injury
b. famous golfers and footballers
c. which sports are the most dangerous
d. players who've succeeded in spite of injuries | 2. What was unbelievable about Tiger Woods when he was injured in 2008?
a. that the breaks were small
b. that he was so into golf
c. that he kept playing on
d. that he could get injured |
| 3. Why did people think Manning would never play again in 2011?
a. He had too many injuries.
b. He had a complicated surgery.
c. He wasn't a champion yet.
d. All of the above. | 4. How did Manning do when he returned to football in 2012?
a. He had a hard time at first.
b. He immediately won the Super Bowl.
c. He practiced hard and improved.
d. He passed, blocked, and tackled. |