

VOCABULARY

Sports vocabulary;
Suffix -er

1 Find these words in the article and then match them to the definitions.

tournament

champion

fan

take part

prize

champion

- a This person or team comes first in a competition.
- b This person loves a sports star or team.
- c This describes a person who earns money for something most people do as a hobby.
- d This is a competition that includes several matches or games.
- e You sometimes get this if you do well in a competition.
- f This means to join other people in an activity.

What are eSports?

Playing a good video game is an exciting experience. Games are full of light, sound, action and surprises, and this makes them fun to watch as well as to play. Because of this, more and more people are taking part in eSports. This is the short name for electronic sports – playing video games against other people in competitions. There are huge tournaments all over the world, where big crowds watch matches on giant screens, and millions more watch online.

Just like many normal sports, eSports players usually play in teams, and have fans who follow them through every competition. Prizes for important eSports competitions are very large, and eSports champions can earn more than £1 million a year. That makes it sound like a great job, but in fact it's not easy to be a winner. Players have to practise for up to 14 hours a day, so they don't get much rest. The games they play change often and there are always new things to learn.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Find these words in the text: *winner, player, footballer*. What do they mean?

We can add -er to some verbs and nouns to make a person. If the spelling is vowel + consonant + vowel, you must double the last letter before adding -er.

win – winner

If the word already ends in e, add -r

winner: _____

player: _____

footballer: _____

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3 Make people from these words.

clean

climb

dance

dive

golf

photograph

run

sing

ski

swim

teach

work

- 4** Make some sentences using at least one word from Exercise 1 and at least one word from Exercise 3. In pairs, compare your sentences.

There were lots of photographers at the sports tournament.

- 1** take part
- 2** tournament
- 3** fan

- 4** prize
- 5** champion
- 6** professional

1 Complete the blog with the words in the box.

champions fans prize professional take part tournament

FOOTBALL CRAZY



My friends and I all love football. We're ¹ _____ of Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool football clubs. Every week we watch the matches in all the big football competitions. We try to answer the question 'Who will be the ² _____ this year?' We don't always agree! We love watching the big ³ _____ like the World Cup, too. We also ⁴ _____ in football eSports competitions online. I'm not very good at them but one of my friends is. He won a ⁵ _____ in a competition last month. He wants to be a ⁶ _____ eSports football player when he's older.

2 Use the words in the box to write the professions of the famous people. If you're not sure, look online.

dive golf photograph run sing ski swim

- 0 Tom Daley (UK): *diver*
- 1 Michael Phelps (USA): _____
- 2 Irem Derici (Turkey): _____
- 3 Tina Maze (Slovenia): _____
- 4 Usain Bolt (Jamaica): _____
- 5 Sebastião Salgado (Brazil): _____
- 6 Jon Rahm (Spain): _____

SPEAKING

1 In small groups, talk about the sentences. Say if you agree with them or if you don't and say why. Use the phrases in the box to help you.

- 1 eSports are not sports because you don't have to be fit to do them.
- 2 It's a good idea to have eSports in the Olympics.
- 3 Thinking and using your brain is important in every sport.
- 4 Mind sports will be in the Olympics in ten years' time.

I think / I don't think ...

I agree / I don't agree ...

I suppose so ...

I see!

That's true.

I'm not sure.

Maybe