

VOCABULARY Injuries and problems

1 Look at the cartoon and complete the words for the sports problems.



- 1 A: What's up with you?
B: I'm not making excuses but my shoulders are really s____. I don't think I can play in goal today.
- 2 A: Is something wrong with you as well?
B: Er ... yes, coach. Can I be substitute today? I've p_____ a thigh muscle and I don't think I can play the full 90 minutes.
- 3 A: What happened to you?
B: I fell off my horse and b_____ my arm. I'm going to be in plaster for six weeks.
- 4 A: How come the referee has got a nose i _____?
B: Max just tried a shot at goal but he missed and hit him in the face.
- 5 A: What happened to Phil?
B: He just slipped and b _____ his head on the goalpost. I hope he'll be OK.
- 6 A: Have you seen the other team? They look so fit.
B: I know. They're full of c _____.
- 7 A: Are you injured too?
B: I think I need to stop. I haven't been for a run for ages. I'm so u _____.

GRAMMAR Present perfect continuous and past simple for duration

2 Match the question halves. Then match the questions (1-5) to the answers (a-e).

- 1 How long did Jodie been doing ballet?
- 2 How long has you in plaster after your accident?
- 3 How long were you train before the marathon? ...d...
- 4 How long was you been doing yoga?
- 5 How long have your team in the first division?

- a For just one season. We were beaten so many times we went back down again.
- b For about six weeks. It's still quite painful.
- c For just a few months. It's very relaxing and I feel better for it.
- d For about six months. I ran four times a week.
- e For years off and on. She started when she was just four.

3 Find and correct a tense mistake and a time expression mistake in each conversation.

- 1 A: I have riding lessons since last summer. *I've been having*
B: Really? I fell off a horse when I was a kid and I've been a bit scared ~~from since~~. *since then*
- 2 A: Kim was telling me you've taken up the piano. How long have you played?
B: Just a few months. I practise every day during an hour.
- 3 A: We used to do judo at my old school.
B: Really? That's unusual. How long have you done that for?
A: For the age of about 14 until I left.
- 4 A: You've got a great voice.
B: Thanks. From quite recently, I was a singing teacher but I had to give it up.
A: That's amazing. How long have you taught for?
B: Six years off and on.