

## 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 sore. 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 pulled 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 broke my arm. I'm going to be in plaster for six weeks.

4 A: How come the referee has got a nose injury?  
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 banged 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 energy.

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 unfit.

## 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? .....  
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.