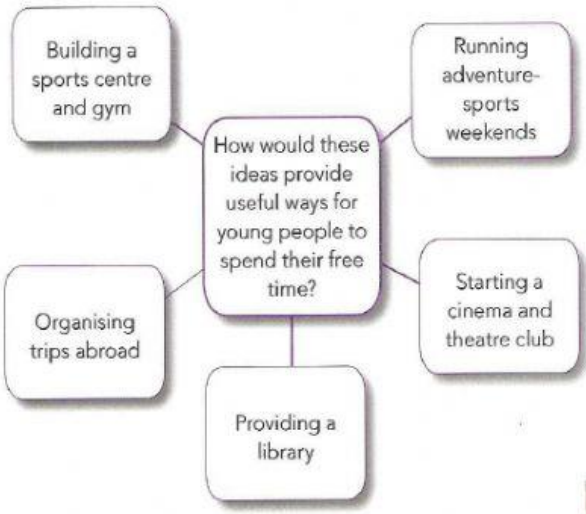
7 Work in pairs.

1 Take about two minutes to do the first part of this speaking task.

> I'd like you to imagine that a town wants young people to spend their free time in ways which are useful for them. Here are some ideas that they are thinking about and a question for you to discuss. Talk to each other about how these ideas would provide useful ways for young people to spend their free time.



2 Now follow the examiner's instructions for the second part of Speaking Part 3.

> Now you have a minute to decide which two facilities the town should build.

Exam advice

When you discuss the first part of the task, you needn't talk about all of the options, but you should make suggestions, ask your partner's opinion and respond to your partner's ideas.

When you discuss the second part of the task, it's not necessary to reach agreement, but you should:

- discuss which option(s) to choose and give reasons for choice(s)
- listen and respond to what your partner says. Don't be afraid to disagree politely – this can lead to a good discussion.

Writing | Part 2 An article

1 Read this writing task and underline the points you must deal with in your answer.

You see this notice on your college noticeboard.

The editors of the college magazine would like contributions to the magazine on the following subject:

A great way to keep fit.

Describe a sporting activity or form of exercise you enjoy, how you started and why you would recommend it to other people.

The writer of the best article will receive ten tickets to the local cinema.

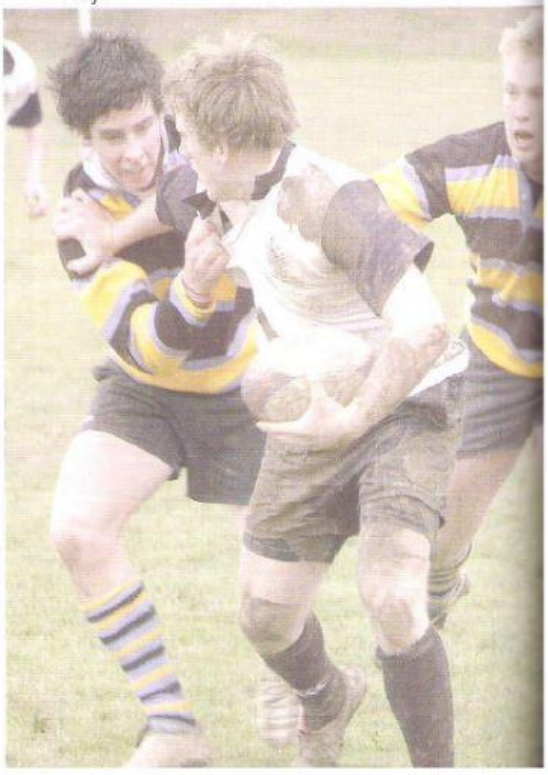
Write your **article**.

2 Work in pairs.

- Discuss the ideas each of you could express to deal with the points you have underlined in the task.
- Which ideas would you use in your article?

3 Read the article on page 83, which was written by Nacho Pallas.

- What does he enjoy about his way of taking exercise? Why?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

Rugby: rough but fun

I love playing rugby. I started playing the game at school when I was just nine years old. It was compulsory to do a sport three afternoons a week, and in winter the boys had to play rugby. I immediately found I enjoyed it, *despite* not being as big as other boys my age. *However*, I was quite athletic, so I could often run past my opponents and score points by being more agile than them.

Although it's quite a rough game with complicated rules, it keeps you fit because you have to run for 80 minutes, so you also have to train several times a week. For people who are competitive and enjoy playing in a team, it's great fun. You can play it at any level, but if you want to win a trophy, you'll need someone to coach you so that you learn the best tactics and learn to work effectively together.

Although you can sometimes get hurt, I would recommend the game to anyone who enjoys ball games, running and keeping fit. *However*, if you decide you don't want to actually play, it's a great sport for spectators as well.

4 Look at the structure of the article. In which paragraph does Nacho deal with these points?

1 He describes a sporting activity.
2 How he started.
3 Why he would recommend it.

5 Study how the words and phrases in *italics* in Nacho's article are used. Then complete these sentences by writing *although, however* or *despite* in the gaps.

1 ..... the swimming pool is quite far from where I live, I try to go there three times a week.
2 ..... being given tickets to the football match, we decided to watch it on TV.
3 ..... I'd love to be a professional footballer, I don't think I'm talented enough.
4 He was very easy to talk to ..... being a famous tennis star.
5 Ten per cent of British teenagers dream of becoming sports stars. ....., very few will achieve their ambition.
6 I won the game ..... I'd never played badminton before.
7 ..... feeling very tired, she managed to finish the race.
8 I didn't enjoy the match. ....., our opponents played very well.

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6 EP Study how Nacho used the words in the box in his article. Then use them in the correct form to complete the sentences below.

athletic opponents competitive rough trophy coach spectators

1 Although Valery enjoys ..... sports, he prefers taking exercise on his own.
2 Ice hockey is a ..... game where players often get hurt.
3 If I was more ....., I might be able to win a few more races.
4 Our ..... for the next match are last year's champions.
5 We need someone to ..... our team so that they learn to play better.
6 Few ..... watch adventure sports because they take place in remote areas.
7 We're rated as one of the top teams despite never having won a single ..... .

7 Now write your own answer to the writing task in Exercise 1.

- Before you start writing, make a brief plan.
- Try to use structures and vocabulary you have studied in this Writing section and this unit.
- Write between 140 and 190 words.
- Read through your article when you have finished to improve it and to check it for mistakes.

Exam advice

- Write a plan before you start writing the article.
- Organise your ideas into paragraphs, and use linking words such as: *however, despite, in addition, for example* and *on the other hand.*

Before you write:

- think about what the people reading the article will find interesting, enjoyable or useful
- write a plan by:
  - underlining all the points you must deal with
  - organising your ideas into paragraphs so that you cover everything you've been asked to do. Often each underlined point will form the topic of a paragraph.

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