

● Hobbies, sport and games

Topic vocabulary in contrast



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pitch / track / court / course / ring / rink	umpire / referee	sport / athletics
win / beat / score	final / finale / end / ending	interval / half time
play / game	bat / stick / rod / racket	draw / equal
spectator / viewer	amateur / professional	competitor / opponent

Phrasal verbs

bring forward change the date/time of an event so it happens earlier	knock out defeat and remove from a competition; make unconscious
carry on continue	look out be careful
get round to start (after planning to do sth for a long time)	pull out stop being involved in an activity
get up to do; do sth you should not do	put off delay, postpone
go in for enter (a competition, etc); like	put up with tolerate
go off stop liking	take to start (as a habit)
join in participate, take part	take up start (a hobby, sport, etc); fill an amount of space/time

Phrases and collocations

best	make the best of sth; do your best; the best at sth/doing
chance	have/take/get a chance to do; have a chance of doing; some/little/etc chance of (your) doing; the chances of (your) doing; take a chance (on sth); chance of a lifetime
go	your go; have a go
height	in height; afraid of heights; height of sth
mad	mad about/on sth/sb/doing; go/become mad
pleasure	take pleasure in sth/doing; gain/get pleasure from sth/doing
popular	popular with/among
side	(on) the opposite side; (on) the far side; side with sb; on the winning/losing side
talent	have a talent (for sth/doing); talent contest
time	on time; (just) in time; the whole time; high/about time; take your time (doing); take time to do; sth takes up (your) time; spend time doing; spend time on; at/for a certain time; time passes; find time to do; make/find time for; for the time being; have a good/nice time (doing); tell the time; free/spare/leisure time
turn	turn (a)round/away; turn sth over; in turn; take turns; take it in turn(s) (to do); your turn (to do)

Word patterns

compete against/with sb; compete for/in sth	listen to sth/sb
concentrate on sth/doing	love sth/sb/doing; love to do
difficult to do; find sth difficult; find it difficult to do	mean to do; it/this means that; it/this means sth/doing
fond of sth/sb/doing	prefer to do (rather than [to] do); prefer sth (rather than sth); prefer sth/doing (to sth/doing)
free to do; free from/of sth; free for sth	stop sth/doing; stop to do; stop sb from doing
interested in sth/doing	sure/certain make/be sure/certain that; sure/certain to do; be sure/certain of sth
involve sth/doing; involved in sth/doing	

Word formation

allow disallow, allowance, allowable	fortune misfortune, (un)fortunate(ly)	medal medallist, medallion
associate disassociate, association, (un)associated	interest (un)interesting(ly)	oppose opposition, opponent, opposite, opposing
compete competition, competitor, competitive(ly)	know knowledge, (un)knowledgeable	practice practise, (im)practical(ly)
enjoy enjoyment, enjoyable	lose lost, loss	train retrain, trainer
equip equipment, equipped	maintain maintenance	

D Write one word in each gap.

- 1 Tony never used to want to join with the other kids in the playground.
- 2 Look ! There's a car coming!
- 3 Simone's to wearing a helmet whenever she goes cycling.
- 4 I was thinking of taking scuba diving until I found out how expensive the equipment is.
- 5 They were knocked in the semi-final.
- 6 Maybe we should bring the meeting to this Tuesday instead of having it in two weeks' time.
- 7 Becca had to pull of the race when she sprained her ankle.
- 8 Melissa doesn't in for adventure sports.

Phrases and collocations

E Choose the correct answer.

1 Why don't you a go? It's not difficult!
A make C do
B have D set

2 Carl wasn't very good at mountain climbing as he's afraid of
A highs C heights
B highness D height

3 There's little of our getting into the final.
A opportunity C luck
B chance D fortune

4 Rachel is mad the Eurovision Song Contest.
A from C for
B against D about

5 Just your best – that's all anyone can ask of you.
A do C be
B make D have

6 It's time you learned to swim.
A big C high
B tall D far

7 Grandma a lot of pleasure from gardening.
A does C makes
B has D gets

8 your time – don't rush.
A Tell C Spend
B Find D Take

9 Each player takes it turn to roll the dice.
A on C at
B in D to

10 Time so quickly when you're doing something enjoyable.
A takes C passes
B spends D finds

11 Our new coach is popular the whole team.
A for C by
B to D with

12 She'd hours lying on her bed, reading.
A spend C make
B take D pass

13 He'd been planning to leave the team the time, and hadn't told anyone.
A complete C total
B whole D full

14 I'm not siding her because she's my sister, but because she's right.
A from C to
B for D with

Word patterns

F Match to make sentences.

1	I'm not very fond	A in playing for the school team.
2	She's interested	B to find enough time to have any hobbies.
3	You should concentrate	C to try to find the golf balls we'd lost.
4	I used to find it difficult	D of playing in goal.
5	Let's listen	E from finishing the game.
6	We stopped	F to what the coach thinks first.
7	The bad weather stopped us	G on getting fit.