

Vocabulary

Sports: football (BrE) / soccer (AmE) / American football / rugby / hockey / ice hockey / floorball / basketball / baseball / cricket / volleyball / athletics (BrE) / track and field (AmE) / badminton / tennis / squash / golf / swimming / skiing / biathlon

People: trainer (BrE) / coach / manager / sportsman/woman (BrE) / athlete / defender (BrE) / defensive player (AmE) / forward (BrE) / offensive player (AmE) / goalkeeper / captain / umpire / referee / fans / spectators / mascot

Places: field / pitch / court / track / finish line / rink / slopes / course / pool / goal (line) / hoop / net / stadium / stands

Clothing and Equipment: uniform / helmet / pads / skates / (hockey) stick / puck / bat / (baseball) mitt / base / lanes / hurdles / javelin / discus / racket / (golf) club / hole / swimming costume (BrE) / swimsuit / skis / bindings / poles / rifle / target

Verbs: to run / to kick / to throw / to tackle / to jump / to shoot / to pass / to score / to block / to hit / to serve / to win / to lose / to draw (BrE) / to tie (AmE) / to train

Pair Discussion

Imagine that you and a friend want to join a sports team together. Suggest different sports and give reasons why they would be a good option, and any downsides. Listen to your partner's suggestions and ask questions. Finally, agree on which team you'll join.

* You can find a sample dialogue on the March 2017 CD.

Language for Suggestions

Why don't we...

What do you think about...

Do you think we should...

We could try...

I was thinking that we should...

I definitely don't want to...

What about...•

• Language Point

The phrase **“what about”** can be used as a response to a suggestion, or after introducing a subject, but should not be used as the beginning of a conversation.

e.g. *“Why don't we try golf?”*

“Golf is boring. What about rugby instead?”

“I was thinking that we should join a sports team this year. What about volleyball?”

Personal Questions

- How often do you do sport (BrE) / play sports (AmE)?
“In the summer / When it snows / Every morning / After school / At (BrE) / On (AmE) the weekend, I... / During the [sport] season... I usually / I spend about... / I've been playing since I was...”
- Are you a member of any teams?
“My favorite team is... because... I have been watching / supporting them since... Their colours are... Their mascot is...”
- What is your favourite team?
“[Sport] is played in / on / at... / There are [number] halves / periods / quarters of [number] minutes each. / There is no time limit. In [sport], you have to... / are not allowed to... / it's against the rules to... / but you can...”
- What is your favourite sport to play / to watch?
“Players earn points by... / The winner is the person/team who/that... / If the score is tied... / the game/match goes into extra time/overtime if...”
- What are the rules of the game? How do you win?
“For [sport], you need... / you don't need much equipment, just... / all you need is... / you have to have...”
- Where is it played? What kind of equipment do you need?

Bridge

