

Many continentals think life is a game; the English think cricket is a game!

GEORGE MIKES (HUNGARIAN-BRITISH HUMOROUS WRITER, 1912-1987)



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

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SPORTS

- Label the pictures with names of sports.
- Add two more sports to each category.

individual sports:
marathon,

outdoor sports:
rollerblading,

winter sports:
skating,

indoor sports:
table tennis,

water sports:
sailing,

combat sports:
fencing,

team sports:
basketball,

EQUIPMENT PLACES

- For each box, choose the sport word which goes with *all* the words. Find at least five of the things in the pictures in Exercise 1.

football ski swimming tennis

1 _____	boots poles suit lift slope	2 _____	costume trunks cap goggles pool
3 _____	shoes balls racket court	4 _____	boots shirt kit pitch fan



5 _____



6 _____



8 _____



7 _____

4 Complete the sentences with names of places.

- We play football on a _____.
- We play basketball, volleyball and tennis on a _____.
- We go skating on a _____.
- Runners run and cars race along a _____.
- We work out at the _____.
- People watch big sports events in a _____.

PEOPLE

5 Complete the table.

SPORT	SPORTSPERSON
RUNNING	
SKIING	
SKI JUMP	
SAILING	
TENNIS	
HOCKEY	
FOOTBALL	
BASKETBALL	
CYCLING	
ATHLETICS	

6 Match the clues 1-8 with the people a-h.

- The person who controls the game e.g. in football and can give a penalty.
- Someone who is watching a sports event.
- A sportsman or woman, especially one who runs or jumps.
- The leader of a sports team.
- He or she helps sports people practise and prepare for competitions.
- Someone who's come first in an important sports competition.
- A supporter of a team.
- The footballer whose job is to catch the ball.

- a athlete
- b captain
- c champion
- d coach
- e fan
- f goalkeeper
- g referee
- h spectator

USEFUL PHRASES

7 Put the names of sports in the right columns. Tick the ones that you do.

.....
 football yoga swimming aerobics tennis
 badminton rollerblading skateboarding squash
 cycling karate skiing basketball aikido athletics

GO	PLAY	DO

8 Work in pairs. Tell your partner about the sports you do.

I play table tennis every day...

9 Match the collocating words.

- 1 do a a goal
- 2 set b a match
- 3 score c sports
- 4 win d a record

10 Complete the sentences with the collocations from Exercise 9. Use the verbs in appropriate forms.

- In 2000 in Sydney Australian swimmer Ian Thorpe a new world in the men's 400 metres freestyle. He broke it himself a year later!
- Liverpool the 3:1.
- Chris is very fit and athletic. He a lot of .
- In the first half, Ronaldinho two .

MATCHING ◀ 18



1 Not everybody agrees what is and isn't a sport. What do you think? Read this list and circle the activities you believe are 'real' sports. Say why.

figure skating dancing diving gymnastics chess
darts bridge car racing shooting golf yoga

examtask

2 CD 2-27 You are going to hear a discussion about the definition of sport. Match the speakers 1-6 to the statements A-G. There is one extra statement that you do not need to use.

Which person...

- A thinks sport should be healthy?
- B mentions the cost of doing sports?
- C is not very proud of his/her country's achievements in sport?
- D says measurable, objective results are important?
- E mentions a local sports person as an example?
- F believes sport and smoking don't go together?
- G thinks what you wear is important?

- 1 Dan 3 Billy 5 Tina
- 2 Sue 4 Malcolm 6 Ken

3 Which of these statements from the recording do you agree with? Why? Compare your answers in pairs.

- A sport is something that needs physical effort and is good for your health.
- If you have judges who give subjective marks, then it isn't a sport. But if you can actually measure or time the results, then it is.
- It's not a sport if you can smoke when you're playing.
- It can't be a sport if you can play it in ordinary shoes.
- Nowadays sports shoes are ordinary shoes.

4 Work in pairs or small groups. Write your own definition of sport.

MATCHING ◀ 26

examworkout

1 Read the following text and answer questions a-b.

In Britain, twenty-one per cent of people over the age of sixteen regularly take part in sport or exercise. Walking is the most popular physical activity, followed by swimming, exercising at the gym, and cycling. Football is the sport most people watch. Major sporting events include the Football Cup Final, The Wimbledon tennis tournament, the Open Golf championship and the Grand National, which is a horserace. Cricket and rugby are also popular.

- a In your own words, say what the paragraph is about.
- b Which of these titles is most appropriate for the paragraph? Explain why.
 - A Sporting events in Britain
 - B The British and sport
 - C What sports does an average Brit do?

examtask

2 Read the following text about memorable moments in sport. Match the headings A-H to the paragraphs 1-6. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

- A A memorable triumph
- B Couldn't cross the line
- C Difficult penalty
- D Last minute loss
- E Mechanical failure
- F Thanks, Dad
- G Too easy to score
- H Walk, don't run!

3 Complete the sentences with the highlighted phrases from the text. Change the form of the verb if necessary.

- 1 My uncle promised me a ticket for one of the _____ matches for my birthday in 2010. I can't wait!
- 2 The American athlete Michael Johnson has won a total of nine gold medals in _____.
- 3 In the 2007 Champions League _____ Milan beat Manchester in great style and went on to beat Liverpool in the final.
- 4 In the 1986 World Cup quarter-final Diego Maradona used his hand to _____.
- 5 The Dutch racing driver Arie Luyendyk _____ the Indianapolis 500 car _____ with a record average speed of 299.307 km/h.

4 Think of a dramatic moment in sport that you experienced or saw. Prepare to talk about it using the following questions.

- What was the event?
- Who took part in it?
- What was the situation at first?
- What happened then?
- How did it end?
- How did you (or the player) feel?

HEARTBREAKING MOMENTS IN SPORT

1

Nigel Mansell was leading the 1986 Formula One drivers' championship by six points from Alain Prost. Only nineteen laps before the end of the final race of the season, Mansell was in third position. If he stayed in third, he would win the title for the first time. Just then, one of the tyres of his Williams car exploded. Prost **won the race** and the title by one point.

2

As she entered the athletics stadium in the final of the women's 20km walk at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Australian Jane Saville was in the lead. She was sure to win the gold medal. But then an official stepped forward to disqualify her for having both feet off the ground at one point in the race. Saville began screaming: 'No, not me!' When asked what she wanted, she replied: 'A gun to shoot myself.'

3

In May 2000, Calais, an amateur football team from the fourth division, played first division Nantes in the final of the French Cup. Apart from the Nantes fans, everyone in France was supporting Calais. Just before half-time Calais **scored a goal**. Early in the second half Nantes equalised. Then, in the final minute of the match, the referee gave Nantes a soft penalty. The ball hit the goalkeeper's knee and bounced into the net. Calais had lost.

4

1992. The Olympic 400m **semi-final** in Barcelona. Derek Redmond felt good. He had helped the British 4x400m relay team to victory at the **world championships**. Now, after years of suffering from injuries, he was in great physical condition and felt he had a good chance of winning Olympic gold. The race started, but Derek pulled a muscle. Desperately, he tried to continue running. 'I told myself I had to finish. Then, I felt a hand on my shoulder.' It was his father, Jim. 70,000 people stood and cheered and Derek cried as his father helped him finish the race.

5

The 1991 **World Cup** semi-final against England was the hardest game Scotland's rugby captain Gavin Hastings ever played in. Late in the second half, with the score 6-6, Scotland had a penalty in front of the posts. Hastings had already scored two more difficult penalties. If he succeeded, Scotland would go three points ahead. Surprisingly he missed it. Nobody in the ground could believe it. A few minutes later England scored and won the game.

6

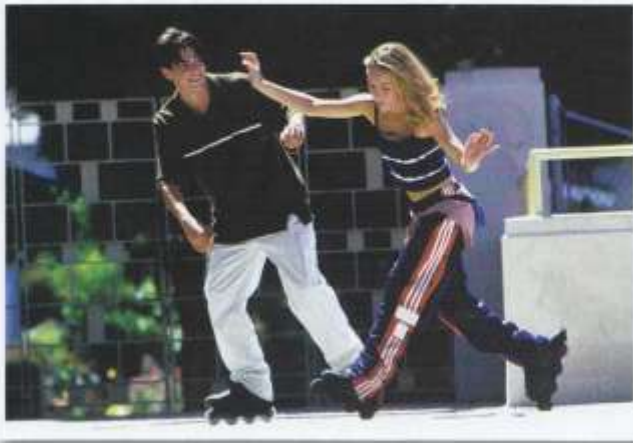
At the 1954 Vancouver marathon Englishman Jim Peters ran into the stadium an amazing seventeen minutes ahead of his nearest rival. After twenty-six miles in the heat, he was certain to win. But the crowd's cheers died as the exhausted athlete fell onto the track. For eleven dramatic minutes, Peters tried to finish the race, but 200 metres from the end he fell for the last time. When he woke up in hospital, he thought he'd won.



Derek Redmond of Great Britain is helped towards the finish line by his father after suffering an injury in the 400m semi-final at the Barcelona Olympic Games in Spain.

TRUE/FALSE/NO INFORMATION ◀ 17

MULTIPLE CHOICE ◀ 34



1 Describe the photo and answer the questions:

- Which sport do you enjoy most?
- Which sport do you think is best for your health?
- Which sport is good if you want to lose weight?

examtask

2 CD 2-28 You are going to hear a conversation between Megan and her doctor. Decide if the statements 1–6 are true (T), false (F) or there is no information (N).

- 1 Megan dislikes the sports she has to do at school.
- 2 Megan doesn't enjoy winter sports.
- 3 The doctor thinks Megan should do a sport which will help her to lose weight.
- 4 The doctor has played rugby.
- 5 The doctor tries to persuade Megan to take up rollerblading.
- 6 Megan's friend is very good at rollerblading.

3 Work in pairs. List one to three ideas for appropriate sports for each of the following people:

- A grandma who wants to stay fit and healthy.
- An overweight twelve-year old boy who hates all sports, except on TV.
- A writer who spends whole days writing in his study. He is rather unfit and a bit lonely.
- A young woman who works in an office. At the end of the day she can't stand looking at people!
- A university student with no money.

4 Work in pairs and follow the instructions.

STUDENT A

You are a fitness instructor. Advise B which sport to choose.

STUDENT B

You are one of the people listed in Exercise 3.

1 With your partner, discuss which sports you think are:

- the most exciting to do
- the most exciting to watch.

Don't forget to give reasons.

examtask

2 Read the following article about a football match that ended in an unexpected way. For gaps 1–8 choose the correct answer A–D.

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THE STRANGEST FOOTBALL MATCH EVER

Why is football so popular all around the world? It's fast, there are great passes, and the most memorable thing of all: the goals that the teams score ¹ ___ each other. However, in a 1994 Caribbean Cup match ² ___ Barbados and Grenada this logic was turned upside down.

It was the last match in the group and Barbados ³ ___ only reach the final if they beat Grenada by two goals. According to the rules, if the match was a draw, the teams had to play extra time, where a golden goal would count as two goals.

Until about seven minutes before the end of the game Barbados led 2–0, but then Grenada scored. The result of 2:1 was enough for Barbados to ⁴ ___ say goodbye to the Cup. But with one or two minutes remaining, one of the players from Barbados ⁵ ___ that it was getting very difficult to score against the other team, so he shot the ball past his own goalkeeper instead, making the score 2:2. Now it was Grenada's turn to score – at either end of the field! The really funny thing was that now the Barbadians ⁶ ___ defending both goals – and, believe it or not, they managed ⁷ ___ it!

Finally, in the fourth minute of extra time Barbados scored the golden goal they so much wanted and got into ⁸ ___ final. 'This game was too confusing. My players didn't even know which way to attack,' the Grenada manager said.

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|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| 1 A against | B with | C for | D to |
| 2 A of | B among | C with | D between |
| 3 A can | B could | C should | D might |
| 4 A must | B had to | C have to | D can |
| 5 A decided | B decide | C did decide | D deciding |
| 6 A had | B was | C have | D were |
| 7 A to do | B doing | C did | D do |
| 8 A Ø | B the | C a | D some |

MULTIPLE CHOICE ◀24

1 Think of a sport you like. Tell another student about it using the following questions.

- How many people play?
- How long does a game last?
- Where do they play?
- What equipment do they use?
- What do they do?
- Who wins?

examtask

2 Read the following text about a new sport. For questions 1–5 choose the correct answer A–D.

- 1 According to the author, the main difference between boxing and chess is that
 - A one is dangerous and the other isn't.
 - B one requires intelligence and the other strength.
 - C only one of them is an Olympic sport.
 - D they are played by different kinds of people.
- 2 A chessboxing match consists of
 - A four six-minute rounds of chess and two five-minute rounds of boxing.
 - B five two-minute rounds of boxing and six four-minute rounds of chess.
 - C five four-minute rounds of boxing and six two-minute rounds of chess.
 - D six two-minute rounds of chess and five four-minute rounds of boxing.
- 3 If the chess match ends in a stalemate and the boxing in a draw,
 - A the winner is the player with black chess pieces.
 - B the winner is the player with most points.
 - C there is no winner.
 - D there is extra time.
- 4 The idea of chessboxing came from
 - A Bulgaria.
 - B people who liked both chess and boxing.
 - C a science fiction story.
 - D the World Chess Boxing Organisation.
- 5 The author thinks that
 - A it is unlikely that chessboxing will become an Olympic sport.
 - B it is crazy to mix different sports disciplines.
 - C the modern triathlon is another example of a strange discipline.
 - D combinations of sports that once seemed strange are now accepted.

3 Work in pairs. Invent another 'hybrid' sport. Describe it using these prompts:

Our hybrid sport is called _____. It is a combination of _____ and _____. It is played like this: [describe what happens in a game] _____. The winner is the person who _____.



CHESSEXBOXING

Brian Godwin investigates a brand new sport

It's hard to think of two competitions so completely different as chess and boxing. In one you rely on your mental skill, in the other you need physical strength. However, thinking and fighting, brain and muscle, have come together in a new hybrid sport: chessboxing.

The way it works is this: two opponents play a round of chess, which lasts four minutes. After a one-minute break, there is a two-minute round of boxing, and then another round of chess, and so on. Presumably, the contestants are allowed to take off their boxing gloves to move their chess pieces. In total, there are eleven rounds, five of boxing and six of chess. You win at chess if you get a checkmate or if your opponent goes over the twelve-minute time limit; you win at boxing if you knock out your opponent or if the referee decides you've won. And in either chess or boxing, you win if your opponent gives up. If the chess match is a stalemate*, the boxer with most points wins. If the boxing also ends in a draw, the chess player with the black pieces wins. Apparently, it's fascinating to watch.

The original idea comes from a 1990s sci-fi comic book called *Froid-Equator*, in which the inhabitants of a distant planet compete in various games, including chessboxing. The first contests took place in 2003, and two years later Bulgarian 'Tigertad' Titschko won the first European Heavyweight Championship in front of hundreds of cheering spectators. The champion beat his opponent in the ninth round of the chess match.

The motto of the World Chess Boxing Organisation is 'Fighting is done in the ring – Wars are waged on the board.' They want to get chessboxing into the 2016 Olympic Games. If you think that sounds unlikely, remember that when the first modern triathlon took place in 1974, it seemed crazy to mix up long-distance running, swimming and cycling. And yet, at the 2000 Sydney Games the triathlon became an Olympic sport.

Could this be the start of lots of new hybrid sports? How about sumo wrestling and figure skating? Golf-sailing with floating balls? Marathon-poker? Perhaps you can think of more. I must admit I find it very hard to think of any combination stranger than chess and boxing.

*stalemate – a position in chess in which neither player can win

IT'S A WEIRD WORLD

SITUATIONAL ROLEPLAY ◀◀ 38

examworkout

1 To do the exam task in Exercise 2, you will have to make suggestions, reject and accept ideas. Match the phrases 1–10 to the following functions:

- A Suggesting
B Disagreeing/Rejecting an idea
C Accepting an idea

1 Good idea.

2 I don't think it is... enough.

3 How about...?

4 I see what you mean, but...

5 I'm not convinced.

6 Let's ...

7 OK., so we'll... first, and then...

8 I'm afraid I don't agree at all.

9 OK./All right.

10 Why don't we...?

examtask

2 In pairs, roleplay the situation below. One of you is the candidate, the other plays the role of the examiner.

You are a member of the school committee. Your school is being visited by students from England and you are preparing an international sports day for them. The other committee members would like to organise a boxing match, a cricket game and a marathon. You think that these competitions are not very safe and that only few students would like to participate in them. Explain your opinion and suggest other activities.

3 Now swap the roles and roleplay the situation again.

INFORMAL LETTER ◀◀ 49

examworkout

1 Read the exam task in Exercise 2 and do preparation exercises a–b.

a Match the beginnings 1–12 to the endings a–l. Tick the ones that you could use to do the exam task in Exercise 2.

- 1 Thanks a lot for the invitation,
- 2 Are you out of your mind?!
- 3 How about registering for
- 4 Thanks for writing, it's
- 5 I'd rather play some racket games,
- 6 I'm not fit enough to run such a long distance and
- 7 Oh come on, you must be foolish to think
- 8 Maybe we could go on
- 9 Forget about sports, let's go to the cinema and
- 10 Sorry but I don't really have enough time
- 11 Thanks for the email, it was
- 12 There is a local tennis tournament,

- a a bike trip to the countryside?
- b a cross-country run instead?
- c a pleasant surprise!
- d grab a bite to eat later on, how's that?
- e I am definitely not going to do this crazy thing.
- f I don't really enjoy running in the city.
- g it is very nice that you thought of me.
- h like tennis or squash.
- i nice to hear from you!
- j that I will run in this marathon.
- k to answer your silly emails.
- l why don't we register for that?

b Match the sentences you have chosen to correct bullet points in the exam task.

examtask

2 Read the exam task below and write an email.

You have received an email from your English friend who would like you to run in the summer marathon with her. You don't really want to take part in the marathon. Write her an email in which you will:

- thank her for writing to you
- refuse the invitation politely
- explain why you don't want to take part in the marathon
- suggest a different sports event you could both take part in

Start your email like this: *Hi Tracy,*

SPORTS

20 km walk /'twenti kuləmɪtə wɔ:k/
aerobics /eə'reubɪks/
archer /'ɑ:tʃə/
archery /'ɑ:tʃəri/
athletics /æθ'letɪks/
badminton /'bædmɪntən/
baseball /'beɪsbɔ:l/
basketball /'bɑ:skətbɔ:l/
boxer /'bɒksə/
boxing /'bɒksɪŋ/
bridge /brɪdʒ/
car racing /kɑ:'reɪsɪŋ/
chess /tʃes/
combat sports /'kɒmbæt spɔ:ts/
cricket /'krɪkɪt/
cycling /'saɪklɪŋ/
dancing /dænsɪŋ/
darts /dɑ:ts/
discus throwing /'dɪskəs θrəʊɪŋ/
diver /daɪvə/
diving /daɪvɪŋ/
fencer /fensə/
fencing /fensɪŋ/
figure skating /'fɪgə 'sketɪŋ/
football /'fʊtbɔ:l/
golf /gɒlf/
golfer /'gɒlfə/
gymnast /'dʒɪmnæst/
gymnastics /dʒɪm'næstɪks/
hammer throwing /'hæmə θrəʊɪŋ/
high jump /haɪ dʒʌmp/
hockey /'hɒki/
horseracing /'hɔ:s reɪsɪŋ/
individual sports /ɪndə'vɪdʒuəl spɔ:ts/
indoor sports /ɪndɔ: spɔ:ts/
javelin /dʒævəlɪn/
judo /dʒu:dəʊ/
 jumper /dʒʌmp/
long jump /lɒŋ dʒʌmp/
long-distance running /lɒŋ 'dɪstəns 'rʌnɪŋ/
marathon /'mæərəθən/
marathon runner /'mæərəθən 'rʌnə/
outdoor sports /aʊt'dɔ: spɔ:ts/
race /reɪs/
relay race /ri:'lei reɪs/
rollerblades /rəʊləbleɪdz/
rollerblading /rəʊləbleɪdɪŋ/
rugby /'rʌɡbi/
run /rʌn/
runner /'rʌnə/
sailing /'seɪlɪŋ/
skateboard /'sketbɔ:d/
skateboarding /'sketbɔ:dɪŋ/
skater /'sketə/
ski jumping /ski: dʒʌmpɪŋ/
skier /'ski:ə/
skiing /'ski:ŋ/
ski-jumper /ski: dʒʌmpə/
soccer (AmE) /'sɒkə/

speed skating /spi:əd 'sketɪŋ/
sprint /sprɪnt/
sprinter /'sprɪntə/
squash /skwɒʃ/
swimmer /'swɪmə/
swimming /'swɪmɪŋ/
table tennis /teɪbəl 'tenɪs/
team sports /ti:m spɔ:ts/
tennis /tenɪs/
volleyball /'vɒlibɔ:l/
water sports /wɔ:tə spɔ:ts/
weightlifter /'weɪtlɪftə/
weightlifting /'weɪtlɪftɪŋ/
windsurfer /'wɪndzɜ:fə/
windsurfing /'wɪndzɜ:fɪŋ/
wrestler /'reslə/
wrestling /'reslɪŋ/
yoga /'jəʊgə/

EQUIPMENT

ball /bɔ:l/
boxing gloves /'bɒksɪŋ glʌvz/
chess pieces /tʃes pi:səs/
football boots /'fʊtbɔ:l bu:ts/
football kit /'fʊtbɔ:l kɪt/
goal /gəʊl/
helmet /helmit/
ice skates /aɪs 'skets/
net /net/
ski boots /ski: bu:ts/
ski poles /ski: pəʊls/
ski suit /ski: su:t/
swimming cap /'swɪmɪŋ kæp/
swimming costume /'swɪmɪŋ 'kɒstjəm/
swimming goggles /'swɪmɪŋ 'gɒgəlz/
swimming trunks /'swɪmɪŋ trʌŋks/
tennis racket /'tenɪs 'rækɪt/
tracksuit /'træksu:t/
trainers /treɪnəs/

PLACES

boxing ring /'bɒksɪŋ rɪŋ/
court /kɔ:t/
field /fi:ld/
football ground /'fʊtbɔ:l graʊnd/
football pitch /'fʊtbɔ:l pɪtʃ/
gym /dʒɪm/
gymnasium /dʒɪm'neɪziəm/
ice rink /aɪs rɪŋk/
skating rink /'sketɪŋ rɪŋk/
ski slope /ski: sləʊp/
stadium /'steɪdiəm/
stand /stænd/
swimming pool /'swɪmɪŋ pu:l/
track /træk/

PEOPLE

amateur /'æmətə/
athlete /'æθli:t/
captain /'kæptɪn/
champion /'tʃæmpɪən/
coach /kəʊtʃ/
crowd /kraʊd/

fan /fæn/
goalkeeper /'gəʊlki:pə/
opponent /ə'pəʊnənt/
professional /prə'feʃənəl/
referee /refə'ri:/
rival /'raɪvəl/
spectator /spek'tetə/
supporter /sə'pɔ:tə/
team /ti:m/

OTHER

attack /ə'tæk/
beat /bi:t/
bronze medal /brɒnz 'medl/
cheer /tʃɪə/
compete /kəm'pi:t/
competition /kəm'pi:tɪʃən/
contest /'kɒntest/
contestant /'kɒntestənt/
defend /dɪ'fend/
disqualify /dɪs'kwɒlɪfaɪ/
doping /'dəʊpɪŋ/
draw /drɔ:/
drug tests /drʌg tests/
European championships /'jʊərə'pi:ən 'tʃæmpɪənʃɪps/
fight /faɪt/
final /'faɪnəl/
first division /fɜ:st də'vɪʒən/
first half /fɜ:st hɑ:f/
game /geɪm/
give up /gɪv ʌp/
gold medal /gəʊld 'medl/
half-time /hɑ:f taɪm/
kick /kɪk/
knock sb out /nɒk 'sʌmbədɪ aʊt/
match /mætʃ/
Olympic games /ə'ɒlɪmpɪk geɪmz/
Olympic sport /ə'ɒlɪmpɪk spɔ:t/
Olympics /ə'ɒlɪmpɪks/
penalty /'penltɪ/
points /pɔɪnts/
practice (n) /'præktɪs/
practise (v) /'præktɪs/
qualify /'kwɒlɪfaɪ/
round /raʊnd/
score /skɔ:/
second half /sekənd hɑ:f/
semi-final /semi'faɪnəl/
silver medal /'sɪlvə 'medl/
support /sə'pɔ:t/
tournament /'tuənəmənt/
train /treɪn/
victory /'vɪktəri/
world championships /wɜ:ld 'tʃæmpɪənʃɪps/
world cup /wɜ:ld kʌp/

USEFUL PHRASES

be in the lead /bi ɪn ðə li:d/
break a record /breɪk ə 'rekɔ:d/
do a sport /du: ə spɔ:t/
do aerobics /du: eə'reubɪks/
do athletics /du: æθ'letɪks/