

17 . Sport

1 . To do sports

We do sports in general

We go ing (if it implies moving around such as jogging , fishing , skiing etc)

We do ... (more static or limited area sports such as karate , yoga , boxing etc)

We play (team sports - football , hokey , basketball etc)

- We had a chance to do several extreme sports .
- I used to do MMA when I was much younger .
- As kids we loved playing basketball and baseball .
- Let's go hiking the other day .

2 . To acquire a taste for ... ing

To begin to enjoy

- On last trip to the Andes , I acquired a taste for snowboarding .

3 . To push yourself to the limits

To make a considerable effort

- I thought I was pretty fit , but I'm having to push myself to the limits to be able cope .

4 . To have a whale of a time

To have a fantastic time (informal)

- Anyway , despite the tiredness , I'm having a whale of a time going snowboarding .

5 . To summon up energy

To gather energy

- Must go to bed now to summon up energy for tomorrow .

Sports news

1 . The mood reached fever pitch

Became very excited

- The mood amongst the crowd reached fever pitch at yesterday's match between India and Pakistan .

2 . Convincing victory

A victory in which a person or team that wins is much better than the person or team they are competing against .

- Khan played brilliantly and secured a convincing victory for Pakistan .

3 . Score stands at (points)

Latest scores are at ...

- In the baseball match between New York and Los Angeles , the score currently stands at 2 against 3 with the Los Angeles team leading the game.

4 . The team took the field

went on the pitch

- The team took the field to the applause of 40,000 spectators .

5 . To put up a determined performance

To perform with determination

- Despite putting up a determined performance the England team was unable to break through the formidable Italian defense .

6 . To be awarded a penalty

To be given a penalty

- Italy was awarded a penalty for the record three times in the last game .

7 . To lose a penalty

To miss the goal at a penalty kick

- The penalty was missed so it didn't break the course of the game .

8 . Free kicks

An opportunity to kick the ball without the other team getting involved ,allowed when a player from another team has not obeyed one of the rules .

- With three players being given yellow cards and some controversial free kicks , the crowd was full of excitement .

9 . To score an own goal

To send the ball to your own goal in error (score a goal against your own team)

- The game was lost when the Blues scored an own goal in the last two minutes

