

11A | Olympic dreams

Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can understand someone describing how to play a sport.
- ☐ I can understand ideas in a radio programme.
- ☐ I can describe someone's personality.
- ☐ I can use verbs with two objects to give extra information about myself.

Sport ambitions

Do you have (or did you have) any ambitions to be successful in a sport? What sport? What happened?

Athlete stars

Who are the sports people or athletes that you most admire? Why do you like them?

New sport

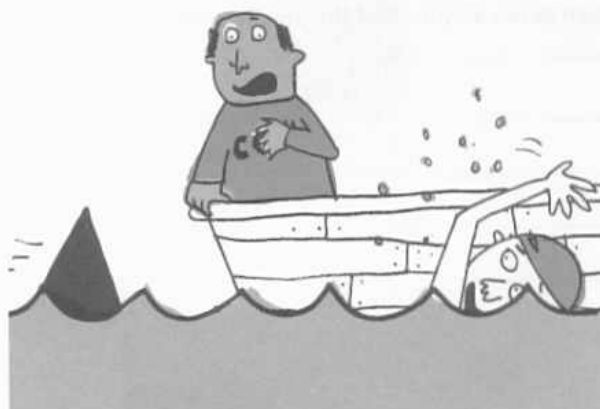
You are going to take up a new sport. Which of these would you choose and why?

paragliding taekwondo snowboarding skydiving water polo rugby

Olympic sports

In this list of Olympic sports there are three spelling mistakes. Can you find them?

ATHLETICS
WEIGHTLIFTING
CANOEING
ARCHARY
BADMINGTON
SKIING
JUDO
GYMNASTIKS
TAEKWONDO



'That is the plastic shark we use for training, isn't it?'

Describing yourself

Are you ambitious? How determined are you to achieve the things you want to do?
Are you ruthless in business? Are you agile?

Child sports stars

Many sports stars have to begin practising seriously when they are very young. What is your opinion of this? Is it acceptable for children to have to work so hard?

Diary

How well do you remember new vocabulary? Do you have a system for recording it or are your records a bit random? Do you go back and look at words or just forget about them?



A black and white photograph of a male gymnast performing a handstand on two rings. He is upside down, with his legs crossed and arms extended upwards to grip the rings. He is wearing a dark singlet and white wristbands. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Sports alphabet

Can you continue this list? With the exception of q, u, x and z, there is a sport for each letter.

archery basketball cricket darts equestrianism

11B | The sporting year

Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand a sports guidebook.
- ☐ I can use the causative to talk about actions that someone has done for me.
- ☐ I can use regular and irregular past participles.
- ☐ I can distinguish between and use the phonemes /ɪə/ and /eə/.

Sports quiz

Can you complete these sentences about sports?

cricket skiing football golf baseball sumo wrestling

- 1 _____ was invented in Scotland.
- 2 The most popular sport in India is _____.
- 3 In Japan _____ is incredibly popular.
- 4 Brazil have been world _____ champions five times.
- 5 Switzerland has a long history of alpine _____.
- 6 The World Series in _____ is held in the USA.

Sports event

Think about the last sports event you watched (either at a stadium or on TV). Circle the adjectives that best describe it.

boring exciting predictable average amazing cool wonderful
dreadful funny frustrating

Now write a sentence to describe the event.

Burning calories

Here are some sports that burn a lot of calories. Do you know which one burns the most? Which ones have you tried? Which would you like to try?

cross-country skiing swimming
marathon running water polo
rock climbing squash



11c | Sport relief

Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand conversations about money.
- ☐ I can talk about different ways to raise money for charity.
- ☐ I can present a group decision and explain the reasons for making it.
- ☐ I can use question tags to check information.

Charity

Which charities do you think are most deserving of support? Why do you think they are good?

Raising money

Have you ever done something to raise money for charity (e.g. a charity walk)? What did you do and was it successful?

Diary

You have nearly finished *Straightforward* Intermediate. What do you think about your level of English? What are your strengths and weaknesses?

The royal family

What is your opinion about the British royal family? Are you interested in them or not? Who is the most (or least) interesting person?