

reveal what we really think with our intonation (low and falling, in these examples). We may do this to be funny and to emphasise our true feelings. Speaker 2, for example, may be a woman whose boyfriend wants to watch the match whereas she is not interested in it.

English has a particularly wide pitch range (the voice goes up and down a lot). If we are expressing strong emotions such as excitement or surprise the pitch moves up and down dramatically.

Expressing opinions

Exercise 19

Sample answers:

- 1 My answer may surprise you but, in my view, the most interesting sport is figure skating. I'm always on the edge of my seat, willing the skater not to fall. It's so nail-biting.
- 2 If you ask me, the best sport for keeping fit is without doubt swimming. It is well known that swimming uses all the major muscle groups. Not only that, it's cardiovascular exercise, which strengthens the heart and lungs.
- 3 I would argue that the most dangerous sport is sky diving, for obvious reasons. I know someone whose parachute failed to open properly, and she considered herself extremely lucky to just break both her legs.
- 4 I would say the most dangerous sports are those involving fast and powerful vehicles, like motor racing. There are very often crashes, resulting in not only injuries but on occasion fatalities too.

Exercise 20-21

Sample answers:

- 1 As far as I'm concerned, taxing unfit people for their health care is just ridiculous. What next? Taxing clumsy people more because they're more likely to trip and injure themselves?
- 2 I'm strongly in favour of making all children do at least one hour of sport a day. Obesity among children is a big problem in my country, and this initiative would help combat that.
- 3 I believe that imposing an additional tax on smokers is a sensible idea. After all, they do put a much bigger strain on the health system than non-smokers.
- 4 I must admit, I think a campaign promoting a balanced diet is another example of the government acting like a nanny state. I'm sure most people would prefer not to be patronised like that.
- 5 I'm not convinced raising the minimum age for alcohol consumption would work because young people would still find ways of laying their hands on alcohol, even if it's illegal.

Vocabulary: Collocations

Exercise 23

1 c/d; 2 b; 3 h; 4 d/c; 5 j; 6 a; 7 i; 8 e; 9 f; 10 g

Exercise 24

verb + adjective: keep fit, keep active

verb + noun: play volleyball

verb + adjective + noun: set a good example, lead healthy lives

noun + noun: form of exercise, sense of achievement,

adjective + noun: balanced diet, passive smoking, public places

Exam technique: Planning your answer

Exercise 1

- a He will use past tenses (e.g. past simple, past continuous, past perfect) because the question asks about a completed action in the past.
- b He is probably aware that he tends to speak with low, flat intonation, which can make him sound uninterested. He is reminding himself to speak with more variation in pitch so that he conveys the excitement of the match to the examiner.
- c No, he is only going to reveal who won towards the end, probably to create some suspense and make his talk more interesting.
- d He wants to remember to use it; using it will show he has a good vocabulary and therefore improve his mark. He has included collocations and whole phrases, not just single words.

3 Studies & work

Vocabulary: Studies and work

Exercise 3

1 art subjects, 2 qualifications, 3 tuition fees, 4 lectures, 5 seminars, 6 I failed, 7 retake, 8 passed, 9 coursework, 10 my dream job, 11 job security

Exercise 4

1 i, 2 g, 3 b, 4 c, 5 a, 6 d, 7 f, 8 h, 9 e, 10 o, 11 s, 12 m, 13 l, 14 q, 15 j, 16 r, 17 n, 18 p, 19 k

Exercise 5

1 unemployment; 2 presentation; 3 promotion; 4 appraisals/an appraisal;