

Sport

Sports facilities and athletics

1 Put each of the following words or phrases in its correct place in the passage below.

officials **pools** **courts** **stadium** **rink** **field events**
athletes **rings** **pitches** **scoreboard** **spectators** **track events**

There's a big new sports centre near my home. There are football (a) _____, tennis and basketball (b) _____, swimming (c) _____, a sports hall with two boxing (d) _____ and even a skating (e) _____. There is also a separate athletics (f) _____, where 20,000 (g) _____ can watch the (h) _____ on the track and the (i) _____, such as jumping and throwing, in the grass centre. The (j) _____ get ready in modern changing rooms and the (k) _____ time and measure the events with modern equipment. A huge electronic (l) _____ shows the results.

Football

2 Instructions as above.

draw **track suits** **captains** **match** **referee** **amateurs**
team **toss a coin** **players** **crowd** **gymnasium** **train**

I play football for my local (a) _____ against other sides in the area. Of course the (b) _____ aren't paid, we're just (c) _____. But anyway we (d) _____ very hard in the evenings and we're lucky because we can use the (e) _____ of a local school. On the day of the (f) _____ we arrive early, change, and put on (g) _____ to keep warm. Then the (h) _____, dressed in black, calls the two (i) _____ to the centre to (j) _____ to decide who will play in which direction. Not many people come to watch the game. We usually have a (k) _____ of only one or two hundred. But we enjoy it, whether we win, lose or (l) _____.

3 Explain the difference between ...

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| (a) amateurs and professionals | (c) to win and to beat |
| (b) a winner and a runner-up | (d) a hurdle race and a relay race |

4 Put one of the following words in each space in the sentences below.

on **for** **of** **at** **in** **between**

- (a) Which team does he play _____?
- (b) She put _____ her tracksuit.
- (c) There's an exciting race taking place _____ the track.
- (d) I'm not very good _____ running.
- (e) She's the best player _____ the team.
- (f) There was a crowd _____ 50,000 _____ the stadium.
- (g) The result _____ the football match was a 2:2 draw.
- (h) The match was _____ Brazil and Argentina.
- (i) A runner-up comes second _____ a race or competition.

Topic vocabulary in contrast

A Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

- 1 We used to go skating at the ice every Saturday.
- 2 Keith had never seen such a large golf until he went to Scotland.
- 3 We all met at the basketball at half past three.
- 4 It's called a boxing, but it's actually square!
- 5 For the 800 metres race, you have to run round the twice.
- 6 The football match had to be called off because the was flooded.
- 7 Our team until half time, but in the second half the other team three goals, and so they us. But it was a great match!
- 8 Adrian got a new fishing for his birthday.
- 9 Can I borrow your tennis ?
- 10 Why are hockey such a strange shape?
- 11 I'd spend hours putting linseed oil on my cricket to keep the wood strong.

course
court
pitch
ring
rink
track

beat
win
score

bat
stick
rod
racket

B Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 The **umpire / referee** blew the whistle and the most important football match I've ever played began.
- 2 We used to play rugby in the winter term, football in the spring term, and we'd do **athletics / sport** and swimming in the summer term.
- 3 Do you fancy a **game / play** of cards?
- 4 I only do magic tricks for fun. I've never thought of becoming **an amateur / a professional** magician.
- 5 The play was so boring, we walked out during **half time / the interval**.
- 6 Coventry City **equalled / drew** 3-3 with Sunderland in the match last Saturday.
- 7 **Spectators / Viewers** who watched last week's programme will remember we were looking at the history of baseball.
- 8 We got through to the **final / finale**, but then lost to Cirencester.
- 9 Most people prefer films which have a happy **end / ending**.
- 10 Would all **opponents / competitors** please make their way to the starting line?

USEFUL PHRASES

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

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football yoga swimming aerobics tennis
badminton rollerblading skateboarding squash
cycling karate skiing basketball aikido athletics
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GO	PLAY	DO

Phrases and collocations

E Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Why don't you a go? It's not difficult!
A make C do
B have D set
- 2 Carl wasn't very good at mountain climbing as he's afraid of
A highs C heights
B highness D height
- 3 There's little of our getting into the final.
A opportunity C luck
B chance D fortune
- 4 Rachel is mad the Eurovision Song Contest.
A from C for
B against D about
- 5 Just your best – that's all anyone can ask of you.
A do C be
B make D have
- 6 It's time you learned to swim.
A big C high
B tall D far
- 7 Grandma a lot of pleasure from gardening.
A does C makes
B has D gets
- 8 your time – don't rush.
A Tell C Spend
B Find D Take
- 9 Each player takes it turn to roll the dice.
A on C at
B in D to
- 10 Time so quickly when you're doing something enjoyable.
A takes C passes
B spends D finds
- 11 Our new coach is popular the whole team.
A for C by
B to D with
- 12 She'd hours lying on her bed, reading.
A spend C make
B take D pass
- 13 He'd been planning to leave the team the time, and hadn't told anyone.
A complete C total
B whole D full
- 14 I'm not siding her because she's my sister, but because she's right.
A from C to
B for D with

Word patterns