

Hobbies, sport and games

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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pitch / track / court / course / ring / rink	umpire / referee	sport / athletics
win / beat / score	final / finale / end / ending	interval / half time
play / game	bat / stick / rod / racket	draw / equal
spectator / viewer	amateur / professional	competitor / opponent

Phrasal verbs

bring forward change the date/time of an event so it happens earlier	knock out defeat and remove from a competition; make unconscious	
carry on continue	look out be careful	
get round to start (after planning to do sth for a long time)	pull out stop being involved in an activity	
get up to do; do sth you should not do	put off delay, postpone	
go in for enter (a competition, etc); like	put up with tolerate	
go off stop liking	take to start (as a habit)	
join in participate, take part	take up start (a hobby, sport, etc); fill an amount of space/time	

Phrases and collocations

best	make the best of sth; do your best; the best at sth/doing		
chance	have/take/get a chance to do; have a chance of doing; some/little/etc chance of (your) doing; the chances of (your) doing; take a chance (on sth); chance of a lifetime		
go	your go; have a go		
height	in height; afraid of heights; height of sth		
mad	mad about/on sth/sb/doing; go/become mad		
pleasure	take pleasure in sth/doing; gain/get pleasure from sth/doing		
popular	popular with/among		
side	(on) the opposite side; (on) the far side; side with sb; on the winning/losing side		
talent	have a talent (for sth/doing); talent contest		
time	on time; (just) in time; the whole time; high/about time; take your time (doing); take time to do; sth takes up (your) time; spend time doing; spend time on; at/for a certain time; time passes; find time to do; make, find time for; for the time being; have a good/nice time (doing); tell the time; free/spare/leisure time		
turn	turn (a)round/away; turn sth over; in turn; take turns; take it in turn(s) (to do); your turn (to do)		

Word patterns

compete against/with sb; compete for/in sth	listen to sth/sb	
concentrate on sth/doing	love sth/sb/doing; love to do	
difficult to do; find sth difficult; find it difficult to do	difficult to do mean to do; it/this means that; it/this means sth/doing	
fond of sth/sb/doing	<pre>prefer to do (rather than [to] do); prefer sth (rather than sth); prefer sth/doing (to sth/doing)</pre>	
free to do; free from/of sth; free for sth	stop sth/doing; stop to do; stop sb from doing	
interested in sth/doing	sure/certain make/be sure/certain that; sure/certain to do; be sure/certain of sth	
involve sth/doing; involved in sth/doing		

Word formation

allow disallow, allowance, allowable	fortune misfortune, (un)fortunate(ly)	medal medallist, medallion
associate disassociate, association, (un)associated	interest (un)interesting(ly)	oppose opposition, opponent, opposite, opposing
<pre>compete competition, competitor, competitive(ly)</pre>	know knowledge, (un)knowledgeable	practice practise, (im)practical(ly)
enjoy enjoyment, enjoyable	lose lost, loss	train retrain, trainer
equip equipment, equipped	maintain maintenance	