

6 Culture • Football vs. basketball

Aim

Understand a text about football and basketball.

Warm-up

With books closed, ask: *Who likes football? Which teams do you support? Where do they play? What are the main football competitions?* Elicit a few answers, and ask: *What do you know about basketball? Where is it popular? How do you play it?* Elicit a range of answers.

Background

Football, known as soccer in the USA, is the world's most popular sport. It is played and watched in most countries in the world.

Tickets to New York Yankees baseball games cost from \$20 - 25, whereas tickets to Manchester United games cost around £80.

Exercise 1

Students look at the photos and work in pairs to answer the questions. Elicit a few possible answers. Students then read the text and check their answers. Check answers with the class.

ANSWERS

- 1 basketball player 2 captain
3 stadium 4 fan 5 teams

Exercise 2 2-20

Students read and listen to the text and answer the questions. Check answers with the class.

ANSWERS

- 1989
- The FIFA World Cup and the AFC Asian Cup
- In Hà Nội
- No, you can watch athletics events and concerts.
- Yes, it is.
- On the internet
- Music and dancing

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1 Match the words in the box with 1-5.

fan basketball player
stadium captain teams



Two national teams

Football (or soccer) is the most popular sport in Việt Nam. In 1989, the Vietnam Football Federation began, and in 1991, the national team started to play in international games. The team now plays in competitions such as the FIFA World Cup and the AFC Asian Cup.

2 2-20 Read and listen to the text. Then answer the questions.

- When did the Vietnam Football Federation begin?
- What competitions does the team play in?
- Where is the Mỹ Đình stadium?
- Can you only watch football at Mỹ Đình?
- Is basketball a new sport in Việt Nam?
- How did lots of people watch the 2019 basketball competition?
- What other things can you see at basketball games?

3 YOUR CULTURE Answer the questions. Use the internet to help you find the information you need.

- Can you name three national football players or basketball players?
- Where and when is the next match for the national football team?
- Where does the national basketball team train?
- Do you play basketball or football at school?
- What skills do you need to be good at football? What skills do you need for basketball?

4 USE IT! Prepare and practise an interview with a famous sports star. Follow the instructions.

- Work in pairs. One of you is a famous sports star and the other is an interviewer.
- Prepare some questions and answers.
- Act out the interview in class.

The national team plays at the Mỹ Đình stadium in Hà Nội. There are athletics events here as well as football matches. You can even go to music concerts!

Basketball is quite a new sport in Việt Nam. In 2019, the national championship was in Hồ Chí Minh City. The games were on the internet so everyone could enjoy them. The competitions are fast and fun, and there is music and dancing before and after the game.

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Exercise 3 YOUR CULTURE

Students answer the questions. They can use the internet to find the information if they have access in class. They can compare their answers in pairs. Discuss the answers with the class.

ANSWERS

Students' own answers.

Exercise 4 USE IT!

As a class, brainstorm some famous sports stars that students could role-play interviews with, then elicit some questions they could ask. Put students into pairs to prepare and practise their interviews. Ask some pairs to act out their interviews for the class.

ANSWERS

Students' own answers.

Optional activity: Speaking

For homework, ask students to choose another famous sports club. Tell them they can choose a football club, or they can choose a different sport such as basketball or tennis. Ask them to note down information about the club they have chosen, e.g. when it started, who its famous players are, etc.

In the next lesson, put students into small groups to present their clubs to each other. Ask some students to tell the class something interesting that they learned about a famous club.