

Watching a Boxing Match

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Intermediate

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

match

Noun

mætʃ

a sporting event between two people or teams

His team lost the **match**.



combat sport

Noun

ˈkɑːmbæt spɔːrt

a fighting sport

Boxing is a very popular **combat sport** in some countries.

cheer for

Phrase

ˈtʃiːr fər

to show support for somebody by shouting at them

Let's **cheer for** our favorite player.

victory

Noun

ˈvɪktəri

an act of winning a game, war, etc.

The team won an easy **victory**.



champion

Noun

ˈtʃæmpiən

someone who has won a game, competition, etc.

He is the new **champion**.



deserve

Verb

dɪˈzɜːv

to have earned or be worthy of something

He's a hard worker and **deserves** a promotion.



definitely

Interjection

ˈdɛfəˌnɪtliː

used as a forceful way to say "yes"

Do you want to go with me? // **Definitely!**

Exercise 2

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

David and James are talking about yesterday's Vitali Klitschko's fight.



David

Did you watch Klitschko's fight yesterday?



James

Of course! I could not miss such a big match. I was really excited, and I couldn't do anything but to stare closely at his every move.



David

Me, too. Where did you watch it?



James

At home. I was so absorbed in watching the match that I totally forgot to eat my breakfast and lunch. I didn't even notice my son was making cup noodles and eating alone. Where did you watch it?



David

I watched it at a boxing café, cheering for Vitali with all my friends in a boxing fan club.



Wow, I know you really love combat sports, especially boxing. I think he deserves all the support from all

James

Ukrainians because he is a true champion.



Yes, and the pride he gave to all Ukrainians must be overwhelming.

David



Exactly! I am sure that people all over Ukraine will give him the warmest welcome to celebrate his victory.

James



Definitely!

David

Check your understanding:

1. Who watched Vitali Klitschko's match at the boxing café?
2. Why did James forget to eat?
3. Why did David and James think that Klitschko deserves all the support from Ukrainians?

Exercise 4

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

Your brother wants to become a professional boxer.

Your teacher will be your brother.

Tell him your opinion or give him advice on how to achieve his dream.

Exercise 5

Discussion

- 1.What is the most enjoyable combat sport for you? Why?
- 2.What is the most popular combat sport in your country?
- 3.Do you think boxing is a dangerous sport? Why or why not?
- 4.Have you ever practiced a combat sport? If so, what was it like?
- 5.What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing combat sports?