

Topic 4 **Sport**

**1. Vocabulary** (The *MP3* is available online)

- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Spec ta tor      | 6. Com *pete  |
| 2. Te le vise       | 7. Phy si que |
| 3. Op po nent       | 8. Kit        |
| 4. Ex hil a rat ing | 9. Beat       |
| 5. Tac tics         | 10. Spor ty   |

**2. Definitions and Samples**

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
1	<b>Spectator</b>	<i>n</i>	A person who watches an event	<b>Spectators</b> can add a lot to sporting events by creating an exciting atmosphere.	Like: <u>fan</u> , <u>viewer</u> , <u>observer</u>	Spectator (adj) Spectatorial (adj) Spectatorship (n)
2	<b>Televise</b>	<i>v</i>	To broadcast by television	One problem I had with the Olympics this year was that only Korean sports were <b>televised</b> .	Like: <u>air</u> , <u>broadcast</u> , <u>transmit</u>	Television (n)
3	<b>Opponent</b>	<i>n</i>	The person one competes against in a contest or a game; rival	Roger Federer's <b>opponent</b> in the Wimbledon final was Rafael Nadal.	Like: <u>adversary</u> , <u>enemy</u> , <u>challenger</u>	Opposite (n) Oppose (v) Opposition (n)
4	<b>Exhilarating</b>	<i>adj</i>	To make cheerful and excited	Watching the 100 meters final with Usain Bolt is <b>exhilarating</b> .	Like: <u>breathtaking</u> , <u>exciting</u> , <u>invigorating</u>	Exhilaratingly (adv) Exhilarative (adj)
5	<b>Tactics</b>	<i>n</i>	An action or strategy planned to achieve an objective	Players use <b>tactics</b> such as attacking their opponent's weaknesses in order to win.	Like: <u>strategy</u> , <u>approach</u> , <u>maneuver</u>	Tactical (adj) Tactician (n)

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
6	<b>Compete</b>	<i>v</i>	To take part in a contest or a competition	Over 10,000 athletes will <b>compete</b> in the Olympic Games.	Like: <u>battle</u> , <u>challenge</u> , <u>contend</u>	Competitor (n) Competition (n)
7	<b>Physique</b>	<i>n</i>	The form or shape of a person's body	Rugby players work hard in the gym to build up their <b>physiques</b> .	Like: <u>build</u> , <u>body</u> , <u>figure</u>	Physical (adj)
8	<b>Kit</b>	<i>n</i>	Clothes and equipment needed for a sport	I forgot my <b>kit</b> , I can't do P.E. today.	Like: <u>gear</u> , <u>outfit</u> , <u>paraphernalia</u>	
9	<b>Beat</b>	<i>v</i>	To defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle	England needed to <b>beat</b> Germany to get to the final.	Like: <u>defeat</u> , <u>overcome</u> , <u>surpass</u>	
10	<b>Sporty</b>	<i>adj</i>	A sporty person likes playing sport and plays regularly	Do you remember <b>Sporty</b> Spice? She was called that because she always wore sports clothes and she was a football fan.	Like: <u>snazzy</u> , <u>flashy</u> , <u>brazen</u>	Sportily (adv) Sportiness (n)

### 3. Vocabulary Practice (The *MP3* is available online)

In groups of 3, please respond and discuss your opinions about the following questions or statements. Please use the underlined word in your response and discussion.

1. Have you ever been a spectator at a sporting event? If so, which event and how was the experience?
2. What type of TV programs would you like to see televised more?
3. In swimming, who was Part-Tae-Hwan's main opponent?
4. What is the most exhilarating thing you have ever done?
5. What kinds of tactics are used in soccer games?
6. Have you ever competed in a sporting competition?
7. What type of physique do you think a female ice skater should have?
8. Which soccer kit is your favorite? Why?
9. When your favorite sports person gets beaten by someone else, how do you feel?
10. Are you a sporty person? Why/Why not?

### 4. Listening & Reading (The *MP3* is available online)

Listen to and read a conversation about **Sport**.

Football is not just a spectator sport. Its worldwide success comes from the fact that anyone can play it. From a toddler kicking his or her first ball to grandparents knocking the ball around in the park, football is universal. To ensure the popularity of football, televised games are shown quite regularly. League games are shown at weekends, while special tournaments are aired midweek. Opponents try to beat each other by scoring the most goals and often the skills displayed and the passion felt is exhilarating to watch. To win games, players can't just run around like headless chickens. Tactics are a huge part

of the modern game. Who starts; what positions they take up and when or who to substitute are all key elements to winning or losing, never mind the fitness and intelligence of the players. Teams **compete** for glory on and off the field, with players becoming heroes or villains in seconds. Each position requires a different **physique**, forwards should be tall or small but nimble, wingers need to be fleet of foot, centers should be built and powerful and backs need to be quick and strong. Each team has a **kit** representing the history and identity of the club, a home or away kit, which changes every season, a way to pacify sponsors and to finance the clubs activities. Whether you are a **sporty** person or have two left feet, football can be enjoyed by everyone, a truly universal game.

## 5. Reading Practice

In Pairs, have a short discussion on the following:

- a. Do you follow any sport? If yes, what?
- b. Who is your favorite team / sports person? Why?

## 6. Conversation Strategies

Giving your opinion about a topic

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expressing a strong opinion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In my opinion, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>In my view, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>In my reckoning, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>I strongly believe in ...</i></li> <li>• <i>I definitely think that ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Well, if you ask me, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Well, I think ...</i></li> <li>• <i>I believe</i></li> <li>• <i>I strongly believe</i></li> <li>• <i>I have a reason to believe</i></li> <li>• <i>I'm sure that...</i></li> <li>• <i>I'm pretty sure that...</i></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expressing a strong value ( It's/ They're + value adjective)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>It's a nonsense to ...</i></li> <li>• <i>... It's a scandal, because ...</i></li> <li>• <i>It's perfect for ...</i></li> <li>• <i>It's wrong... Likewise, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>They're ideal ...</i></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Expressing certainty</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>According to government statistics, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Actually, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>In fact, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Clearly,</i></li> <li>• <i>Obviously, ...</i></li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>People have always ...</i></li> <li>• <i>People just won't continue to ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Without doubt, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>There's no doubt that ....</i></li> <li>• <i>Undoubtedly</i></li> <li>• <i>Surely</i></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>According to government statistics, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Actually, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>In fact, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Clearly,</i></li> <li>• <i>Obviously, ...</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>People have always ...</i></li> <li>• <i>People just won't continue to ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Without doubt, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>There's no doubt that ....</i></li> <li>• <i>Undoubtedly</i></li> <li>• <i>Surely</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>According to government statistics, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Actually, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>In fact, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Clearly,</i></li> <li>• <i>Obviously, ...</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>People have always ...</i></li> <li>• <i>People just won't continue to ...</i></li> <li>• <i>Without doubt, ...</i></li> <li>• <i>There's no doubt that ....</i></li> <li>• <i>Undoubtedly</i></li> <li>• <i>Surely</i></li> </ul>		

## 7. Conversation Strategy Practice

With your partner, can you give your Opinions to the following controversial statements, using the Conversation Strategies above (Expressing Opinion, Values and Certainty)

### Student A

Please read these statements to your partner and ask him/her for an Opinion.

*Ronaldo is better than Messi*

*Running is good for you.*

### Student B

Please read these statements to your partner and ask him/her for an Opinion.

*Steroids in sport are okay.*

*Physical Education in high-school should be compulsory for everyone*

## 8. Phrases

These **Phrasal Verbs** are very common in relation to **Sport**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Example
<b>Gear up</b>	Getting ready for something that is going to happen soon.	<b>game</b>	Millions of fans are <b>gearing up</b> to watch England's crucial World Cup quarter-final against Brazil.
<b>Ease through</b>	To win with comparative ease and move into the next round of the competition		Martina Hingis <b>eased through</b> to the Wimbledon third round on Wednesday after beating Jing-Qian Yi 6-4, 6-1.
<b>Crash out</b>	To lose at a game	<b>cup</b> <b>tournament</b>	England <b>crashed out</b> of the World <b>Cup</b> after a 2-1 defeat to Brazil.
<b>Chuck *away*</b>	Throw away, as if you don't need something	<b>points</b>	We were bitterly disappointed not to have won and it was another two <b>points</b> <b>chucked away</b> in the end.

<b>Come through</b>	Produce a result		I hope Arsenal will <b>come through</b> this season and win the league.
---------------------	------------------	--	-------------------------------------------------------------------------

## 9. Idioms

These *Idioms* are very common and they are connected to **Sport**.

<b>Idiom</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Situation</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Drop the ball</b>	To make a blunder; to fail in some way.		She was looking at you. Why didn't you go over and talk to her? You <b>dropped the ball</b> there man.
<b>Jump the gun</b>	To do something too soon, especially without thinking carefully about it		We do not want to <b>jump the gun</b> by making a statement about what caused the explosion before the investigation is completed.
<b>Run with it</b>	To do something independently	Used mostly in business	You just have to give them the job and let them <b>run with it</b> .
<b>In full swing</b>	At the peak of activity; moving fast or efficiently.	Used to talk about an event	The party is <b>in full swing</b> now. Earlier it was dead.
<b>Touch base</b>	To talk to someone in order to find out how they are or what they think about something		I had a really good time in Paris. I <b>touched base</b> with some old friends and made a few new ones.