

Topic 5 **SPORT**

1. Vocabulary

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| 1. Spectator | *Sp <u>ec</u> ta tor | 6. Tactics | *Tac tics |
| 2. Televise | *Te le vise | 7. Compete | Com *pete |
| 3. Opponent | Op *p <u>o</u> nent | 8. Physique | Phy *s <u>i</u> que |
| 4. Beat | *Be <u>a</u> t | 9. Kit | *K <u>i</u> t |
| 5. Exhilarating | Ex *h <u>i</u> l a rat ing | 10. Sporty | *Sp <u>or</u> ty |

2. Definitions and Samples

| | Word | Form | Definition | Example | Usage Tips | Parts of Speech |
|---|---------------------|------------|---|---|------------|---|
| 1 | Spectator | <i>n</i> | A person who watches an event | Spectators can add a lot to sporting events by creating an exciting atmosphere. | | Spectator adj Spectatorial adj Spectatorship n |
| 2 | Televise | <i>v</i> | To broadcast by television | One problem I had with the Olympics this year was that only Korean sports were televised . | | |
| 3 | Opponent | <i>n</i> | The person one competes against in a contest or a game; rival | Roger Federer's opponent in the Wimbledon final was Rafael Nadal. | | Opposite n Oppose v Opposition n |
| 4 | Beat | <i>v</i> | To defeat someone in a game, competition, election, or battle | England needed to beat Germany to get to the final. | | |
| 5 | Exhilarating | <i>adj</i> | To make cheerful and excited | Watching the 100 meters final with Usain Bolt is exhilarating . | | Exhilaratingly adv Exhilarative adj |

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|----|-----------------|----------|---|---|--|---|
| 6 | Tactics | <i>n</i> | An action or strategy planned to achieve an objective | Players use tactics such as attacking their opponent's weaknesses in order to win. | | Tactical adj Tactician n |
| 7 | Compete | <i>v</i> | To take part in a contest or a competition | Over 10,000 athletes will compete in the Olympic Games. | | Competitor n Competition n |
| 8 | Physique | <i>n</i> | The form or shape of a person's body | Rugby players work hard in the gym to build up their physiques . | | Physical adj |
| 9 | Kit | <i>n</i> | Clothes and equipment needed for a sport | I forgot my kit , I can't do P.E. today. | | |
| 10 | Sporty | adj | A sporty person likes playing sport and plays regularly | Do you remember Sporty Spice? She was called that because she always wore sports clothes and she was a football fan. | Can be used to describe a person, clothes and a car. | Sportily adv Sportiness n |

3. Vocabulary Practice

A. Find the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the opposite of each word in the left-hand column. Write the letter in the blank.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. _____ Spectator | a. lose |
| 2. _____ Sporty | b. friend |
| 3. _____ Beat | c. play for fun |
| 4. _____ Opponent | d. couch potato |
| 5. _____ Compete | e. player |

B. Choose the word from the list that is closest in meaning to the underlined part of each sentence. Write it in the blank.

Kit Physique Tactics Exhilarating Televised

- Will the game be broadcasted tonight?
- Golf is not exactly an exciting sport, unlike Moto GP, wow that's fast.

3. The coach told his player his plans before the game.
4. Swimmers have a very strong build, with very wide shoulders.
5. I like Arsenal's new sportswear.

4. Listening & Reading (*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. Phrases

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

| Phrase | Meaning | Collocation | Structure | Example |
|---------------------|--|---------------|---|--|
| Gear up | Getting ready for something that is going to happen soon. | | Inseparable No Object | Millions of fans are gearing up to watch England's crucial World Cup quarter-final against Brazil. |
| Ease through | To win with comparative ease and move into the next round of the competition | | Inseparable No Object | Martina Hingis eased through to the Wimbledon third round on Wednesday after beating Jing-Qian Yi 6-4, 6-1. |
| Crash out | To lose at a game | | Inseparable No Object | England crashed out of the World Cup after a 2-1 defeat to Brazil. |
| Chuck away | Throw away, as if you don't need something | Points | Separable Object Chuck + away + O Chuck + O + away Chuck + OPr + away | We were bitterly disappointed not to have won and it was another two points chucked away in the end. |
| Come through | Produce a result | | Inseparable No Object | I hope Arsenal will come through this season and win the league. |

6. Phrasal Verb Practice

Please put the correct *Phrasal Verb* into the sentence below. Please change the form of the Phrasal Verb if needed.

Gear up Crash out Ease through
Come through Chuck away

1. Murray _____ to the finals of the US open and went on to win it.
2. Don't _____ your life. Get off those drugs!
3. I'm going to _____ for the winter. I need new clothes.
4. Ireland _____ of the Euro Finals last year with dismal results.
5. Henry came through an injury scare to play in the final.

7. Idioms

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

| Idiom | Meaning | Situation | Example |
|----------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Drop the ball | 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 dropped the ball there man. |
| Jump the gun | To do something too soon, especially without thinking carefully about it | | We do not want to jump the gun by making a statement about what caused the explosion before the investigation is completed. |
| Run with it | To do something independently | | You just have to give them the job and let them run with it . |
| In full swing | At the peak of activity; moving fast or efficiently. | | The party is in full swing now. Earlier it was dead. |
| Touch base | To talk to someone in order to find out how they are or what they think about something | Usually + with | I had a really good time in Paris. I touched base with some old friends and made a few new ones. |

8. Idiom Practice

Please put the correct idiom into the sentence below. Change the form if needed.

Touch base

In full swing

Run with it

Jump the gun

Drop the ball

1. I don't know how it is going to turn out. Hmm, let's just _____ and see what happens. I mean what's the worst that can happen?
2. Don't you think you are _____ a bit? Shouldn't you ask him first before you fire him? He could have a different story to hers.
3. This place is jumping. Yeah it's been _____ for about an hour now.
4. Why didn't you ask mom for some money? She's in a good mood. You really _____.
5. I haven't _____ with my brother in a few weeks. I wonder how he is getting on.

9. Conversation Strategies

Summarizers

In other words, _____.

In summary _____.

You mean _____.

To sum up _____.

It sounds like _____.

In conclusion _____.

What your saying is (that) _____.

10. Conversation Strategy Practice

Fill in the blanks with the sentences in **bold type**.

What you're saying is that you couldn't get us a flight.

In other words, you were really busy.

It sounds like you enjoy travelling.

1. A: Yesterday, I couldn't do my homework. After school, I had to buy a present for my friend. On my way home, I went to the library. When I got home, I cleaned the house and got dinner. After dinner, I talked to my friends until midnight.

2. B: _____.

3. A: Exactly.

4. A: I tried to make a plane reservation. There were no seats available for Sunday. On Monday, the first flight isn't until noon, which is too late. And on Tuesday, there are no flights.

5. B: _____.

6. A: That's right.

7. A: In June, I visited France for two weeks. Then I went to Italy for a week. In August, I flew to Japan and Korea. Next month, I'm planning to visit South America.

8. B: _____.

9. A: Yes, I do.