

7 Sport

Vocabulary • Sports

1 * Look at the pictures and correct the words.



~~basketball~~ **football**



1 cycling



2 hockey



3 tennis



4 football



5 swimming



6 gymnastics



7 volleyball

2 ** Read the sentences and complete the sports.

You do this in water. **swimming**

- Two or four players can play this. t.....
- Sports such as running, jumping, throwing, etc. a.....
- A sport from Asia. j.....
- You do this on a bike. c.....
- A game for two teams of five players. v.....
- Physical exercises you do inside on special equipment. g.....

3 ** Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

champion court fan match player race
score stadium ~~team~~

A group of people who play a sport against another group. **team**

- A person who really loves a sport.
- People sit and watch sport in here.
- A game where one team wins.
- A person who does a sport like basketball, tennis or football.
- A competition to see who is the fastest.
- A person or team that wins a competition.
- You play sports like tennis, basketball and volleyball on this.
- The number of points you have in a match or competition.

4 *** Write sentences about the subjects in brackets. Explain why.

(a sport you love watching)

I love watching basketball because the matches are fast and exciting.

- (a sport you like playing)
.....
- (a sport you hate watching)
.....
- (the best sports competition)
.....
- (your favourite individual sport)
.....
- (your favourite team sport)
.....
- (a team / player you are a fan of)
.....



- 1 **U7.1** * Study the words in the box. Which do you think are cognates? Then read and listen to the article and find the words.

athletics dangerous hoops modern
national Paralympic player wheelchair

An exciting sport for players and spectators



Wheelchair basketball at the Paralympics

- A It's one of the most exciting modern sports for players and spectators. It's fast, it's noisy and it's sometimes dangerous. What is it? It's wheelchair basketball.
- B But wheelchair basketball isn't a new sport. The first organized wheelchair basketball game was in November 1946 and it was between two teams in the USA.
- C In the 1950s, wheelchair basketball was more and more popular, and in 1960 it was one of eight sports in the first Paralympic Games in Rome, Italy. The winners of the first gold medal were the British team.
- D Other sports at the first Paralympics were table tennis, athletics and swimming, but for many people wheelchair basketball was the best sport to watch.
- E Wheelchair basketball isn't very different to basketball. For example, there are five players in a team and the hoops are three metres high. A match is 40 minutes long with four parts of ten minutes.
- F There are now around 100,000 wheelchair basketball players in different countries. Some people play with friends for fun. Other people play in national Paralympic teams. Watch them on TV at the next Paralympic Games and enjoy the game!

- 2 ** Read the text again. Where can you find the information? Write the paragraph.

The name of a fast and exciting sport. **A**

- The number of wheelchair basketball players in the world.
- The year of the first wheelchair basketball game.
- The home city of the first Paralympics.
- The number of players in a basketball team.
- The sports in the first Paralympics.

- 3 ** Read the text again. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

Wheelchair basketball is slow. **F**

- Wheelchair basketball is never dangerous.
- The first wheelchair basketball match was in 1950.
- The first Paralympics were in Italy.
- Swimming was one of the first Paralympic sports.
- Wheelchair basketball is very different to basketball.
- Wheelchair basketball is popular in different countries.

- 4 *** Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

Why is wheelchair basketball good to watch?
It's fast and exciting.

- Where was the first wheelchair basketball match?
.....
- How many sports were in the first Paralympic Games?
.....
- When were the first Paralympic Games?
.....
- Who were the winners of the first Paralympic basketball gold medal?
.....
- How long are wheelchair basketball games?
.....

- 5 ** Vocabulary PLUS Match 1-5 with a-e.

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|----------------|----------|---|
| 1 A competitor | e | a is someone who swims. |
| 2 A spectator | | b wins a medal. |
| 3 A swimmer | | c wins a race or match. |
| 4 A medallist | | d watches a sport. |
| 5 A winner | | e takes part in a competition. |

there was, there were

1 * Complete the table with the words in the box.

a an any some ~~There was~~ There wasn't
There were There weren't

Affirmative	
Singular	Plural
There was (1) exciting football match last night.	(2) (3) noisy fans in the stadium.
Negative	
Singular	Plural
(4) (5) football match on Friday.	(6) (7) people in the stadium.

2 ** Complete the sentences about a football match. Use *there was* (✓), *there wasn't* (X), *there were* (✓) and *there weren't* (X).

(✓) *There were* a lot of fans.

- (✓) three goals.
- (X) a problem with the ball.
- (X) any famous players in our team.
- (✓) a good player on the other team.
- (X) a café in the stadium.
- (✓) a shop next to the stadium.

was, were

3 ** Write sentences to correct the words in bold.

The 2012 Olympics were in **Beijing**. (London)
The 2012 Olympics weren't in Beijing. They were in London.

- Pelé was a **tennis player**. (footballer)
.....
- They were good at **hockey**. (swimming)
.....
- I was at the **stadium**. (swimming pool)
.....
- The players were **fit**. (unfit)
.....

5 The match was exciting. (boring)
.....

6 The races were in June. (July)
.....

4 ** Complete the dialogue with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* or *weren't*.

- James** You **weren't** at home last night. Where (1) you?
Eva I (2) at a basketball final. It (3) at the sports centre in town.
James Really? Are you interested in basketball?
Eva I (4) when I (5) younger, but I am now. My brothers (6) in one of the teams last night.
James That's great.
Eva Yes, but they (7) the winners last night, so we (8) all sad.

5 *** Study the table. Write affirmative and negative sentences with *was*, *wasn't*, *were* and *weren't*.

EVENT	2014 UEFA Champions League Final
DATE	24 May 2014
STADIUM	Estádio da Luz, Lisbon
FINALISTS	Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid
SCORE	4 - 1
SPECTATORS	60,976
TEMPERATURE	17°C

The 2014 UEFA Champions League Final was in May. It wasn't in June.

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Vocabulary and Listening • Verbs: sports

- 1 * Find eight more verbs in the wordsearch. Then write the past simple forms.

L	E	A	R	N	K	D	O	Z
P	S	V	T	R	A	V	E	L
J	E	D	Y	X	B	A	W	C
W	Q	T	R	V	N	D	S	O
A	B	E	C	O	M	E	T	M
T	W	K	M	R	I	Q	A	P
C	B	G	O	D	T	W	R	E
H	A	U	B	S	U	D	T	T
X	V	W	I	N	Z	O	K	E

learn learned

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

- 2 ** Complete the text using the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

become compete do go learn travel
watch win

? How I became interested in ... basketball

When I was ten years old, I **went** to a stadium in London. We (1) the famous American basketball team, the Harlem Globetrotters. They were fantastic, especially when they (2) tricks with the ball.

After that, I (3) really interested in basketball and I (4) how to play it at a local sports club. I was good at it so I joined a basketball team, the Kingston Giants. Last month, our team (5) by bus to Bristol and we (6) in a big competition there. It was amazing because we (7) it. Now I've got a gold medal on the shelf in my bedroom!

- 3 U7.2 ** Listen and choose the correct answers.



Ryan Jones is one of the ... competitors.

a smallest b best c youngest

- 1 Ryan learned to ski when he was ... years old.
a four b five c six
- 2 Ryan went skiing with his ... every weekend.
a friends b parents c grandparents
- 3 Ryan's parents ... about ski jumping lessons.
a were excited b were happy
c weren't happy
- 4 Ryan did ... jumps at first.
a very small b really good
c very dangerous
- 5 Last year, Ryan won a ... medal.
a gold b silver c bronze

- 4 ** Listen again and complete the sentences.

Ryan is **seventeen** years old.

- 1 Ryan is from the
- 2 Ryan watched ski jumping on TV when he was years old.
- 3 At first, Ryan did jumps of metres.
- 4 Ryan went to a competition in when he was sixteen.
- 5 The *Winter Olympics Special* TV programme is at every day.

- 5 *** Imagine you're a very good runner or cyclist. Answer the questions.

How often do you train?

I compete in races once a month.

- 1 How often do you train?
.....
- 2 How do you usually feel when you start a race?
.....
- 3 How do you feel when you win a medal?
.....
- 4 Do you prefer watching sport or competing in it? Why?
.....

Language Focus • Past simple affirmative

- Past time expressions

Past simple affirmative

1 * Complete the table with the words in the box.

ago + July last played watched went

Past simple affirmative		
I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They	(1)	volleyball two days
	(3)	a good film on TV
	(5)	to the new stadium in
	(2)	
	(4)	night.
	(6)	

2 ** Look at the pictures. Write past simple sentences using the phrases in the box.

jump two metres play volleyball
run 100 metres swim 200 metres
watch a tennis match win a medal

At the School Games last week ...



Freddie



Tamer



Emily



Anna and Vicky



Jake and Ben



Grace

Freddie **jumped two metres**.

- 1 Tamer
- 2 Emily
- 3 Anna and Vicky
- 4 Jake and Ben
- 5 Grace

3 ** Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

I **watched** (watch) the swimming race on my phone.

- 1 They (travel) to London to watch a hockey match.
- 2 I (go) to the sports centre last Friday.
- 3 We (start) swimming at 6 a.m. today.
- 4 Oliver (take) part in two athletics competitions last month.
- 5 You (do) a good trick on your skateboard.
- 6 Cara (break) a record in the school 10 km race.

Past time expressions

4 ** Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

ago first in ~~January~~ last week when

We visited the new stadium in **January**.

- 1 I competed in my first football match I was eight.
- 2 She won an Olympic medal two years
- 3 We watched an exciting game of tennis week.
- 4 My parents watched a film about the Olympics a ago.
- 5 That runner won a gold medal 2015.
- 6 I played rugby at the age of ten.

5 *** Write past simple sentences about you, your friends and your family. Include past time expressions and use the phrases in the box to help you.

go on holiday have a pizza
help with the housework play (a sport)
take some photos travel by bus
watch a good TV programme
win a competition

My brother played tennis with his friend last Saturday.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Speaking • Talking about the weekend



1 Label photos 1–4 with phrases from the box. There are two phrases that you don't need.

An awful score 😞 Champion! 😊
 Where are all the fans? 😞
 Leah had a problem. 😞 My best race! 😊
 Learning to ski! 😊

1



10.30 ✓

2



14.43 ✓

3



13.32 ✓

4



16.13 ✓

2 **U7.3** Listen to Jack and Emily chatting about the weekend. Which photo in Ex. 1 was Emily's?

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3 Study the key phrases. How do you say them in your language?

1 How was your weekend?

.....

2 It was OK / good / bad / awful.

.....

3 That's good / bad news!

.....

4 Who were you with?

.....

5 Why don't you come next time?

.....

6 Sure. Why not?

.....

4 **U7.4** Choose the best response. Then listen and check.

1 **A** How was your weekend?

B It wasn't great.

A Sounds brilliant! / Really? Why?

2 **A** I watched a film last night.

B Sounds brilliant! / Really? Was it good?

A No, it wasn't. It was awful.

3 **A** Was the swimming competition good?

B Yes, it was. I won a gold medal.

A Sounds brilliant! / Really? You're a great swimmer.

5 **U7.5** Choose the correct word to complete the dialogue. Then listen and check.

Jamie Hi, Luke. (1) **What / How / Where** are things?

Luke Great, thanks. How (2) **were / was / is** your weekend?

Jamie It was brilliant, thanks. I (3) **was / go / went** to an ice hockey match on Sunday.

Luke Really? Was it (4) **good / bad / awful**?

Jamie Yes, it was amazing. My team won 7–6 in the end.

Luke That's great (5) **news / weekend / time!** Who were you (6) **in / with / to**?

Jamie My dad. Why (7) **not / do / don't** you come next time?

Luke Sure. Why not? Text me (8) **what / when / how** you're going.

Jamie OK, then. Bye, Luke.

Language point: paragraphs

1 * Number the paragraphs 1-3.

Sports superstar:

Missy Franklin

A She first broke a world record in 2011 for the 200 metres, and she won four gold medals at the London Olympics. She's one of the best young swimmers in the world.

B Missy Franklin's full name is Melissa Jeanette Franklin and she is a swimmer from the United States. She was born on 10 May 1995 in California in the USA, and she now lives in Colorado.

C She first started swimming when she was five. She began to compete in important competitions in 2010 at the age of fourteen.

2 ** Complete the text with the phrases in the box. Then underline the first sentence in paragraphs two and three.

after that he won at the age of
continued to play first played football
He is one of the He was born on
Neymar's full name is

Sports superstar:

Neymar

Neymar's full name is Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior and he is a football player from Brazil.

(1) 5 February 1992 near São Paulo in Brazil, but he now lives in Europe and plays football there. Neymar

(2) when he was a young boy, and (3) eleven he became a junior player with the famous Brazilian team Santos. He (4) for Santos and in 2009 he became a player in the Santos first team. Neymar first played for Brazil in 2010, and (5) South American Footballer of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He also won the Samba Gold award in 2015 for the best Brazilian footballer in Europe. (6) most successful footballers in the world.



TASK

3 ** Read the CV to complete the profile.

CV

Full name: Claudia Fragapane

Nationality: British

Sport: gymnastics

Born: 24 October 1997, Bristol, England

Lives: with parents and sisters in the Bristol area

First started: six years old

First important competition: eleven years old

British gymnastics team: sixteen years old

Greatest moments: four gold medals at Commonwealth Games 2014; most successful British gymnast in 80 years; BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year 2014



Claudia Fragapane at the Commonwealth Games. People from the UK, Australia, India, Canada and many other countries compete in these games.

My life

My (1) is Claudia Fragapane and I'm a gymnast from England. I (2) on 24 October (3) in Bristol. I now live in the Bristol area with my parents and my sisters.

My sport

I first started to do gymnastics when I (4) years old. I started to compete in important competitions at the age of (5) At the age of (6), I became a gymnast in the British team.

My greatest moments

My greatest moment was when I won (7) at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in (8) when I was seventeen – I became the (9) British gymnast in 80 years! I also won BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year in (10) That was really exciting!

4 *** Imagine you're a famous sports star. Write a profile of your life. Use the text in Ex. 3 to help you.

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1 Complete the words.

- 1 Real Madrid's s..... is called Santiago Bernabéu.
- 2 There are eleven players in a h..... team.
- 3 The Gasol brothers are famous b..... players from Barcelona.
- 4 The 100 metres and 200 metres races are a..... events.
- 5 Manchester United is a famous football t.....
- 6 The O..... Games take place every four years.
- 7 The Giro d'Italia is a famous c..... race.
- 8 Wimbledon is a famous tennis c..... in London.

Verbs: sports

2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 **travel** / **compete** to the USA
- 2 **go** / **become** famous
- 3 **learn** / **watch** a match
- 4 **win** / **travel** an Olympic medal
- 5 **watch** / **learn** to swim
- 6 **compete** / **do** in a competition
- 7 **go** / **watch** to the X Games
- 8 **become** / **do** amazing tricks

Vocabulary PLUS

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

competitors medallist spectators swimmer winner

- 1 Two thousand watched the race yesterday.
- 2 She was a gold at the 2012 Olympics.
- 3 I was the best person in the competition. I was the!
- 4 Look at that boy in the swimming pool. He's a fantastic
- 5 There were 1,500 in this marathon last year.

Language Focus Past simple *be*: affirmative and negative

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

There was There wasn't There were
There weren't was wasn't were weren't

- 1 many fans at the match on Saturday. Only five or six.
- 2 They don't like sport so they interested in the cycling on TV last night.
- 3 My favourite footballer at the World Cup in 2014 Lionel Messi.
- 4 over 37,500 runners in the London Marathon in 2015.
- 5 a really exciting film at the cinema last week.
- 6 We very happy with the football score – we won!
- 7 This stadium is new. anything here two years ago.
- 8 I was ill, so I in the race last Tuesday.

Past simple affirmative; past time expressions

5 Complete the sentences using the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

ago become compete last score start
swim travel watch win year

- 1 I that TV programme about the New York Marathon night.
- 2 We in the sea yesterday. It was cold.
- 3 He two gold medals at the Olympics.
- 4 My brother to Japan last
- 5 That tennis player first famous two years
- 6 You a goal yesterday! That's great!
- 7 I in a tennis competition last year.
- 8 The football match ten minutes ago.



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there was, there were: affirmative and negative

Affirmative	Negative
There was a stadium.	There wasn't a swimming pool.
There were a lot of spectators.	There weren't any swimmers.

There was and *there were* are the past simple forms of *there is* and *there are*. We use *there was* with singular forms and *there were* with plural forms. *There wasn't* and *there weren't* are the negative forms.

There was a theatre here ten years ago.

There were interesting programmes on TV last night.

There wasn't a cinema here before.

There weren't any cars in 1850.

was, were: affirmative and negative

Affirmative	Negative
I was hungry.	I wasn't hungry.
You / We / You / They were hungry.	You / We / You / They weren't hungry.
He / She / It was hungry.	He / She / It wasn't hungry.

The past simple affirmative form of the verb *be* is *was* or *were*.

It was very noisy in the stadium.

We were tired after the race.

The past simple negative form is *was not* or *were not*. We usually use the short forms *wasn't* or *weren't*.

I wasn't very fit last year.

We weren't in the library yesterday morning.

Past simple affirmative

Regular	Irregular
I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They played volleyball.	I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They won a medal.

With most regular verbs, we add *-ed* to make the past simple form. We use the same past simple form for all subjects.

I played football.

You played golf.

She played tennis.

Irregular verbs have their own past simple form.

come → came

do → did

get → got

go → went

have → had

see → saw

swim → swam

win → won

USE

We use the past simple to talk about finished actions in the past and actions which happened at a specific time.

We watched that football match last week.

She won an Olympic medal in 2012.

SPELLING RULES

With the majority of verbs: add *-ed*.

watch → watched

check → checked

With verbs that end in *-e*: add *-d*.

like → liked

live → lived

With verbs that end in a vowel + consonant: double the consonant and add *-ed*.

stop → stopped

travel → travelled

Past time expressions

We can use the past simple with a number of time expressions:

last week / month / year / weekend / Monday

in the eighteenth century

in 1995 / July

yesterday

four days / three weeks / 200 years ago

The time expressions usually go at the end of a sentence or phrase, but they can also go at the beginning.

We watched the Olympics last year.

Last year, we watched the Olympics.

there was, there were: affirmative and negative

1 Complete the sentences with *there was, there wasn't, there were or there weren't*.

There wasn't a big sports centre here before – only a small swimming pool.

- a lot of fans at the rugby match – 30,000 of them!
- Last night, an interesting programme on TV about the Olympics.
- There's a big shopping centre in town now, but before only five or six shops.
- Two hundred years ago, any computers.
- This afternoon, a fantastic football match on TV. The score was 6–5!
- a cinema here in 1800, but a theatre.
- a new student in our class last week.
- any players on the court five minutes ago.

was, were: affirmative and negative

2 Write sentences with *was, wasn't, were or weren't*.

that tennis match / very exciting ✗

That tennis match wasn't very exciting.

- you / very fast in that race ✓
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- the match / very long ✗
.....
- I / really tired / this afternoon ✓
.....
- Ryan / at school today ✗
.....
- your friends / at the swimming pool on Friday ✗
.....
- we / very unfit / last year ✓
.....

Past simple: affirmative

3 Complete the text using the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Last week, I **played** (play) in our school volleyball team for the first time – it (1) (be) exciting because we (2) (compete) in an important competition!



First, we (3) (travel) by train to the next town and we (4) (go) to the new sports centre in the town centre.

After that, we (5) (practise) for 30 minutes and then we (6) (have) our first two games – we (7) (be) very happy because we (8) (win) them!

Our third game (9) (not be) easy. The players in the other team (10) (be) very good and we (11) (become) tired. So, in the end, we (12) (not be) in the final of the competition.

When I (13) (get) home, I (14) (be) really tired, but very happy. I want to play in the team again next week!

Past time expressions

4 Complete the dialogues with the words in the box.

ago in ~~last~~ last October week when

'Are you watching that new TV programme?'
'No, it was on TV **last** night.'

- 'When was your holiday?' 'It was two months
- 'Is your father in the USA?' 'No, he was there week.'
- 'Are you into skateboarding?' 'No, I was into it I was seven.'
- 'When was your sister born?' '..... 2004.'
- 'Is your brother ill?' 'No, he was ill a ago and now he's OK.'
- 'When was that amazing match?' 'It was in

Sports superstar: Mo Farah

- 1 Mo Farah's full name is Mohamed Farah and he is a British athlete originally from Somalia.
- 2 Farah first started running when he was at school in London. At the age of eighteen, he competed in the European Junior Championships and won the 5,000 m race.
- 3 Farah broke a record in 2010 when he became the first British man to run 5,000 m in under 13 minutes. He also won two gold medals at the London Olympics in 2012. He is one of the most successful long distance runners in the history of athletics. At the moment, he is the Olympic, world and European champion for 5,000 and 10,000 m.

Writing help

In paragraph 1, we give basic information about the person such as:

- their full name
- their sport
- where they are from

In paragraph 2, we talk about their early career and say at what age they first became successful.

In paragraph 3, we talk about the greatest moments in this sports star's life.

We use past simple forms to talk about finished actions in the past.

1 Read the text and Writing help. Then read the paragraphs and number them 1-3. Put a cross (X) by the paragraph you do not need.

- **A** Lochte first started swimming when he was five. At the age of fourteen, he swam in the Junior Olympics, but he lost his race. After that, he worked very hard and he didn't lose again.
- **B** I'm not sure where Lochte lives at the moment, but it's in the USA. I think Lochte has a nickname, but I don't know what it is.
- **C** Lochte first won an Olympic gold medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. He now has a total of eleven Olympic medals so he is one of the most successful swimmers in the history of the Olympics.
- 1 D** Ryan Lochte's full name is Ryan Steven Lochte and he is a swimmer from the USA.

2 Complete the categories with the words in the box. Add more words to each category if you can.

become break (a record) footballer match swimmer team tennis player win

- 1** Sportspeople: **athlete, runner,**
-
- 2** Verbs: **compete, start,**
-
- 3** Things in sport: **medal, race,**
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3 Think of a sportsperson. Write past simple sentences with the words in exercise 2. Remember to use past time expressions.

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