

Leisure

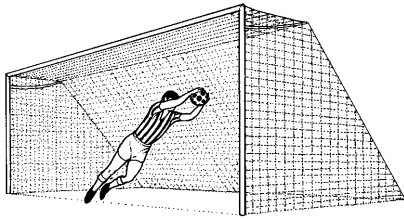
1 Sports and hobbies

Here are some activities people enjoy doing in their spare time.

Football is one of them.

Can you find ten more sports and hobbies in the grid below?

Words can read across [→] and down [↓].



2 What do you like doing?

A Here are some ways to talk about what you like and don't like doing. Put them in order, starting with the most positive.

I quite like...

I love...

I really like...

I don't mind...

I don't like...

I like...



I love



B Now use these expressions to complete the sentences. Use each one once only.

_____ going to the cinema. I think it's better than watching DVDs at home because you have a bigger screen so it's more exciting.

_____ cooking. I think it's great to invite friends over and prepare a lovely meal for us all to enjoy together.

_____ playing video games. My brother plays them a lot, but I think they're boring.

_____ going to the beach, but I'd really rather swim in a pool, as I don't like the sand and salty water.

_____ shopping! It's my favourite hobby. I would go shopping every day if I could!

_____ going to the gym because it keeps me fit, although sometimes I prefer to play football.

C Now write your own sentences, saying what you like or don't like doing. Give a reason or an explanation for your opinion.

3 Sports Vocabulary

A These words are all connected with different sports. Put them under the correct headings in the boxes below, using your dictionary to help you.

racket	gloves	tracksuit	shorts	boots	club	bat
goggles	referee	umpire	stick	ring	pool	helmet
pitch	court	trainers	player	track	champion	athlete

people in sports

places where you do sports

things that you wear on your body

things you use to hit the ball

B Use your dictionary to find out which sports go with these words. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

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| a _____ court | d _____ pitch | g _____ stick |
| b _____ ring | e _____ player | h _____ club |
| c _____ pool | f _____ racket | i _____ bat |

C Complete these sentences with words that you haven't used yet from exercise **A**.

- When I go swimming I wear _____ as I don't like the water in my eyes.
- The _____ blew his whistle for half-time.
- Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the 2006 men's world _____!
- The country's top _____s will be competing in a variety of events, including the long jump.
- I'm going to take up jogging, so I need to buy a new pair of _____.