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01

LEISURE AND SPORT



IN THIS UNIT

- Grammar: Revision of questions; Present simple and frequency phrases
- Vocabulary: Leisure activities; Sports and games
- Task: Do a 60-second interview
- World culture: Unusual sports

Speaking and vocabulary

Leisure activities

1a Work in pairs and discuss.

- Which activities in the box can you see in the photos?
- Which activities do you do every day?

go to the cinema	listen to the radio	watch live music
go out with friends	use the internet	play computer games
listen to music	play a musical instrument	go to the gym
go to evening classes	play sport	watch TV

b 1.1 Listen to the phrases. Practise saying them aloud.

2 Read the results of the leisure time survey and answer the questions.

- 1 Where was the survey?
- 2 What is it about?

LEISURE TIME SURVEY OF YOUNG ADULTS IN THE UK

In our online poll, we asked 1,000 young adults aged between 16 and 24 'How do you spend your free time?' Here are the results:

KEY FACTS

- ¹ _____ percent of young adults use the internet every day.
- The most popular leisure activity is going to the cinema: ² _____ percent say it is their favourite evening activity.
- 82 percent of people say they watch TV for more than ³ _____ hours a week, but only ⁴ _____ percent listen to the radio.
- 38 percent of young people watch live music, but only ⁵ _____ percent can play a musical instrument.
- Only ⁶ _____ percent of young adults play sport. Football, swimming and cycling are the most popular sports.

3a 1.2 Listen to a radio news report about the results of the survey. Before you listen, try to guess where the numbers in the box go in the survey.

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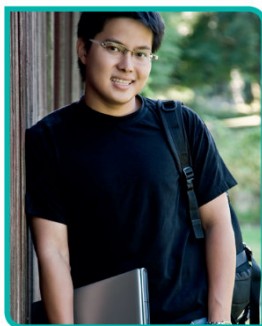
b Listen again and check your answers. Then work in pairs and compare your answers.





4 Jay and Tina both took part in the leisure time survey. Complete what they say with the correct verbs from exercise 1a.

JAY
My computer is very important for me. I'm a student at Manchester University, so I ¹ _____ the internet a lot for my studies and my friends and I ² _____ a lot of computer games. I don't ³ _____ any sport. I ⁴ _____ to evening classes twice a week; it's a course on Computer Skills. On other nights, I ⁵ _____ out with friends – we usually ⁶ _____ to the cinema.



TINA
I'm a professional musician, so music is my life! I ⁷ _____ to the radio nearly all day – mainly classical or jazz. When I ⁸ _____ TV, it's always a music channel. I even ⁹ _____ to music when I ¹⁰ _____ to the gym! I ¹¹ _____ the piano and the saxophone. And I ¹² _____ a lot of live music in my free time.



5a Work in pairs and ask and answer questions using the verbs in exercise 1a. Make a list of three activities your partner does and three activities he/she doesn't do.

Do you go to evening classes?

Yes, I do ... I study English!

Do you play a musical instrument?

No, I don't. How about you?

b Compare your ideas. What are the most popular leisure activities? What other things do people do in their free time?

Do you go to the gym?

No, I don't. I hate it!


Grammar focus 1

Revision of questions

1 Work in pairs. Look at the games in the photos and discuss the questions.

- Which are board games? Which are puzzles?
- Which do children often play?
- Which have the same name in your language?
- Which of the games do you play? Which are your favourites? Why?
- Which of these do you usually prefer? Why?
 - word games (e.g. Scrabble®)?
 - number games (e.g. sudoku)?
 - games of strategy (e.g. chess)?
 - games of chance (e.g. Snakes and Ladders)?
- What other games like these do you play?

2 Work in pairs. Read the games quiz and try to answer as many questions as you can in five minutes. If you don't know the answer, try to guess.

3  1.3 Listen and check your answers. How many questions did you answer correctly?

GRAMMAR

Question words

1 Look at the question words in bold in exercise 2. Which question word(s) do we use to talk about:

- 1 a person? who
- 2 a place? _____
- 3 a thing? _____ / _____
- 4 a time? _____
- 5 the reason for doing something? _____
- 6 the way you do something? _____
- 7 a period of time? _____
- 8 the number of times you do something? _____
- 9 the class or type of thing? _____
- 10 the number of people or things? _____

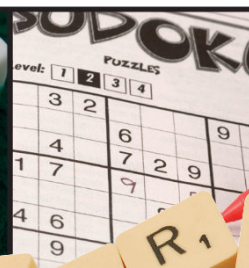
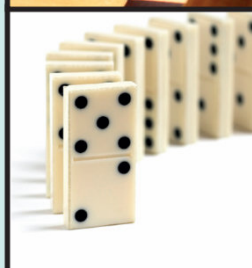
Word order in questions

- 2 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.
- 1 good at / Is / James / playing chess ?
 - 2 computer games / play / your friends / Do ?
 - 3 start / the game / does / When ?



GAMES QUIZ

- 01 **When** was the first Mario Brothers computer game?
- 02 **Who** starts in a game of chess: the black player or the white player?
- 03 **What** are marbles usually made of?
- 04 **Where** did the game mahjong originate?
- 05 **What kind** of game is Snakes and Ladders?
- 06 **Why** are there 52 cards in a normal pack?
- 07 **How** do you do a sudoku puzzle?
- 08 **What colour** are the pieces on a backgammon board normally?
- 09 **Which** two letters have the highest score in the English version of Scrabble®?
- 10 **How many** spots are there on a dice?
- 11 **How often** do the World Dominoes Championships take place?
- 12 **How long** does an average game of Monopoly® last?



PRACTICE

1 Match questions 1–4 with answers a–d in parts A, B and C below.

A

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 When do you play football? | a My friends from college. |
| 2 Who do you play football with? | b On Sunday mornings. |
| 3 Where do you play football? | c Because it's fun and it's good exercise. |
| 4 Why do you play football? | d In the local park. |



B

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 How often do you have English lessons? | a Two. |
| 2 How long are the lessons? | b Twice a week. |
| 3 Which days do you have lessons? | c Tuesdays and Thursdays. |
| 4 How many teachers do you have ? | d 90 minutes. |

C

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1 What time is it? | a 16th May. |
| 2 What time does the train leave? | b Monday. |
| 3 What day is it? | c Nearly three o'clock. |
| 4 What date is it today? | d Five forty-five. |

PRONUNCIATION

- 1  1.4 Look at the list of questions in exercise 1. Notice the words which are stressed (these are in bold). Listen and practise the stressed words.
- 2  1.5 Listen and practise saying the complete questions.

2 Complete the questions.

- Where _____ you live?
- Who do you live _____?
- How _____ do you drink coffee?
- What _____ your favourite food?
- When do _____ have lunch?
- _____ you watch TV a lot?
- _____ many pets have you got?
- _____ you speak French?
- _____ would you like to do this weekend?
- What time _____ it now?

3 Write the questions for the answers below.

I get up at **seven o'clock** at the weekend.
What time do you get up at the weekend?

- I get up **at six o'clock** in the week.
- I go to the cinema **once a month**.
- I come to school **by bus**.
- My birthday is **in August**.
- I play **basketball**.
- My favourite colour is **blue**.
- There are **five people** in my family.
- My journey to school takes **about half an hour**.
- I'd like to visit **India and Australia**.
- I like **rock and jazz**.



4 Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions in exercises 2 and 3.

What time do you get up at the weekend?

About seven o'clock.

Seven o'clock! Why do you get up so early?

Because I always go to the gym before breakfast.

Reading and vocabulary

Sports and games

- 1 Work in pairs and make a list of six sports that are popular in your country. Which sports do you play? Which ones do you watch?
- 2 Read the article and answer the questions.
Which sport:
 - 1 is good for playing with friends?
 - 2 can you play in a park?
 - 3 do you do on your own?
 - 4 is similar to dancing in some ways?
 - 5 is likely to result in injuries?
 - 6 can you play in many different countries?

3a Complete the questions below with one word.

- 1 _____'s the name of the world's best-selling computer game?
- 2 _____ do you hit the ball when you play Wii-tennis?
- 3 _____ old is the game of golf?
- 4 How _____ Disc Golf courses are there in the world?
- 5 _____ is John Farnworth?
- 6 _____ long did it take John Farnworth to run the London Marathon?

b Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions using the phrases in the box.

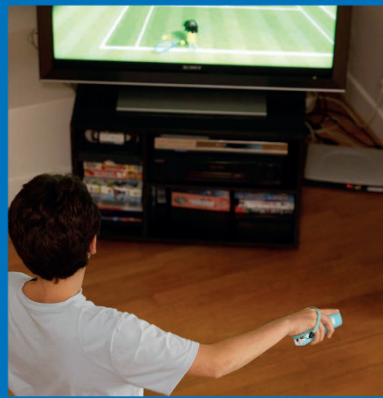
by moving your arm and pressing a button more than 1,000
he's a freestyle football champion
12 hours 15 minutes Wii Sports
250 years old

4 Look at the words in the box and put them into three groups: things you need, verbs and people.

ball racket games console equipment
hit throw winner player
team kick score champion

5 Work in pairs and discuss.

- Which of the three sports do you think is the most difficult / least difficult? Why?
- What other unusual sports do you know?



NEW WAYS WITH OLD SPORTS

Can you play golf without a ball? Or tennis without a tennis racket? These days the answer is 'Yes you can'. Here are some 21st century ways of playing our favourite traditional sports.

1 WII SPORTS

Nintendo's Wii Sports is the best-selling computer game of all time. You can play tennis, baseball or golf, go bowling or do boxing. You don't run around or get tired, however. You do everything by moving your arm and pressing a button on your games console. It's also a good social activity and many people organise gaming parties with their friends. But there is a downside; at least ten people in the UK injure themselves playing Wii Sports every week and have to go to hospital. There are also hundreds of cases of broken furniture, broken windows and injured pets! Some people call this new 21st century problem 'Wii-it-is'.

2 DISC GOLF

The game of golf is more than 250 years old. But for the 21st century version of the game, you don't need any expensive special equipment. Players don't hit a ball; they throw a plastic disc towards the 'hole' – which is actually a metal basket. The winner is the player who reaches the 'hole' with the lowest number of throws. More than half a million people around the world now play the game. There are more than 1,000 disc golf courses in 40 countries, many of them in public parks. It's a great way to get exercise in the fresh air.

3 FREESTYLE FOOTBALL

In Freestyle football there are no teams, you don't kick the ball and you never score a goal. Freestyle footballers try to keep the ball in the air using any part of their body. Some people describe it as a mixture of breakdancing and football. Judges give points for ball control and original moves. John Farnworth, from Lancashire in the north of England, was the world's first Freestyle champion: in 2011 he ran the London Marathon (42 km) in 12 hours 15 minutes, keeping a ball in the air all the way!

Grammar focus 2

Present simple and frequency phrases

- 1 Work in pairs. Look at the photos of two sports people and guess who:
- swims for at least five hours every day.
 - is a Goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, the World Children's Charity.
 - has 4 million followers on Twitter.
 - consumes 12,000 calories a day, and often eats burgers and other fast food.
 - makes pop records.
 - gets up at 5 a.m. to go to the swimming pool.
 - weighs 100 kg.
 - has the nickname 'The Fish'.
 - lives in Los Angeles, California.
 - earns about \$10 million a year.
- 2  1.6 Listen and check your answers. Whose life do you think is more interesting? Why?

GRAMMAR

Present simple

- 1 Which of the following examples describes:
- a habit?
 - something that is always true?
- He trains for five to six hours every day.
 - She comes from Bucheon, South Korea.
- 2 Put each sentence into:
- the question form
 - the negative form

Frequency phrases

- 3 Underline the phrases below which answer the question *How often ... ?* Where in the sentences do the phrases go?
- He sometimes eats burgers and other fast food.
 - She often gives money to charities.
 - He does at least five hours of training every day.
 - She has English classes three times a week.
- 4 Number these words from 1 (most often) to 6 (least often).
-
- | | | |
|-----------|-------|--------------|
| sometimes | often | usually |
| always | never | occasionally |
-



PRACTICE


- 1 Write the frequency phrases in brackets in the correct place in the sentences.
- Michael sends messages on Twitter. (five or six times a day)
 - He swims for five or six hours. (every day)
 - He misses breakfast. (never)
 - He goes to fast food restaurants. (sometimes)
 - He goes to the swimming pool in the mornings. (always)
 - Yu-na works for children's charities. (often)
 - She studies English. (three times a week)
 - She eats fast food. (never)
 - She skates for several hours. (every morning)
 - She sings in English. (occasionally)
- 2a Complete the sentences with a frequency phrase in the box below to make them true for you.
-
- always occasionally sometimes usually never
every day/week/month/year/two years, etc.
once/twice/three times a day/week/month/year
-
- sometimes*
- I ^ watch TV in bed.
- I go out with my friends.
 - I am late for school/work.
 - I play games on my phone.
 - I listen to the radio in the morning.
 - I go to the opera.
 - I watch TV in the afternoon.
 - I go to bed after midnight.

- b Work in pairs and compare your answers.

Task

Do a 60-second interview

Preparation **Reading**

- 1a** Work in pairs and look at the photos. Do you know who the woman is? Why do you think she's famous? Where do you think she is from?
- b** Work in pairs and write five questions to find out more about Freida Pinto.
Where was she born? Is she an actress?
- c** Read the 60-second interview about Freida Pinto and find the answers to your questions.
- 2** Work in pairs and answer the questions.
- 1 What is the most interesting thing you learnt from the interview?
 - 2 Have you seen any of her films?
 - 3 What do you have in common with Freida Pinto?
- 3a**  **1.7** Listen to two students, Marek and Laura, doing a 60-second interview. Tick the questions you hear in the Useful language box. How many questions does Marek ask?
- b** Listen again and make a note of Laura's answers.



60-SECOND interview with

Freida Pinto

- Q1** **What's your full name?**
Freida Pinto.
- Q2** **Have you got a nickname?**
Fro.
- Q3** **Where and when were you born?**
On 18th October 1984, in Mumbai, India.
- Q4** **Tell me about your family.**
My mother, Sylvia, is a head teacher at a high school and my father, Frederick, is a bank manager. I've also got an older sister, Sharon. She works for a TV news company. She's my best friend.
- Q5** **What was your first acting job?**
In 2008, I played Latika in the film *Slumdog Millionaire*. I don't have any acting training so I did a three-month acting course to prepare for the film. My other films include *Trishna*, *You will meet a tall dark stranger*, *Miral*, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* and *Immortals*.
- Q6** **Where do you live?**
I live in three suitcases! I come from Mumbai and sometimes I live there. But I also spend time in London and New York, and lots of other places. Right now, I don't mind moving around a lot.
- Q7** **What do you do in your free time?**
I do yoga regularly and I read books. I don't do much sport, but I have a lot of different hobbies! I like dancing, especially Indian dance and Salsa. I cook different kinds of food, especially Italian. Also, I collect boarding passes! I travel by air a lot for work, and also with my friends, so I've got a lot of them now!
- Q8** **Are you scared of anything?**
I'm scared of water and I can't swim very well! I want to learn to swim properly so I don't feel so scared.
- Q9** **What's your favourite possession?**
Shoes! And my Chanel bandana bag!
- Q10** **What's your favourite weather?**
I like rain. I love the monsoon season in India when it rains a lot!
- Q11** **Who is your favourite actor?**
I've got lots of favourite actors: Aamir Khan, Madhuri Dixit, Nicole Kidman and Johnny Depp. And my favourite singer is Sting.
- Q12** **What are your ambitions for the future?**
I want to continue acting in films. I also want to open a school for poor children in India.

Task Speaking

- 1 You are going to interview each other. First, decide on 12 questions you want to ask, using the Freida Pinto interview and the Useful language box to help you. You can also add questions of your own. Ask your teacher for any words/phrases you need.
- 2 Then, spend some time preparing your answers to the questions in the Useful language box. Look at the answers in the Freida Pinto interview to help you and ask your teacher for any words/phrases you need.
 - > Useful language a, b and c
- 3 Work in pairs and take turns to interview each other. Make brief notes of the answers. Check the time at the beginning of the interview and try to complete it in exactly 60 seconds.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

a Asking about basic personal information

What's your ... (full name)?
 When/Where ... (were you born)?
 Where do you ... (live / work / go to school)?

b Asking about interests and family

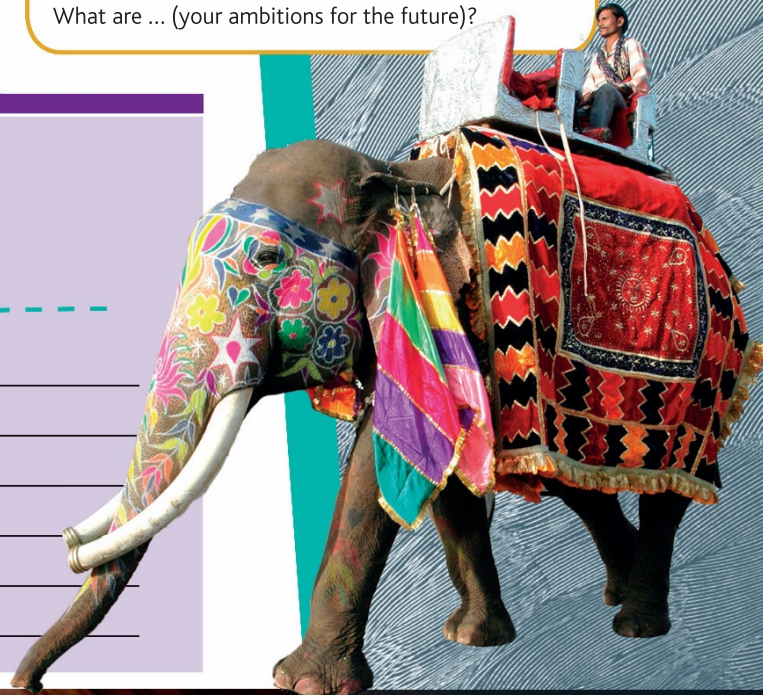
What do you ... (do in your free time)?
 Have you got ... (a nickname / any pets / any brothers and sisters)?
 Are you ... (scared of anything / interested in cooking)?
 Who is your ... (favourite actor/singer/hero)?
 What is your ... (favourite possession / favourite weather)?
 Tell me about your ... (family/hobbies).

c Asking about the future

What are ... (your ambitions for the future)?

60-SECOND interview with

Q1 _____	Q7 _____
Q2 _____	Q8 _____
Q3 _____	Q9 _____
Q4 _____	Q10 _____
Q5 _____	Q11 _____
Q6 _____	Q12 _____



SHARE YOUR TASK

Practise your interview questions until you feel confident.

Film/Record yourself interviewing your partner.

Share your film/recording with other students.

WORLD CULTURE

UNUSUAL SPORTS

Find out first

1a Work in pairs and discuss. How much do you know about New York City? Try to answer the questions below.

- 1 What is:
 - the Big Apple?
 - The Bronx?
 - the Latin community?
- 2 What is the approximate population of New York City?
- 3 What sports do you associate with New York or the USA?

b Go online to check your answers or ask your teacher.


Search: New York City / Big Apple / The Bronx

View

2a You are going to watch a video about stickball, a popular sport in New York City. Before you watch, check you understand the meaning of the words/phrases in the glossary below.

GLOSSARY

<i>broom</i>	a brush that you use to clean floors
<i>handle</i>	the part of the broom that you hold
<i>immigrants</i>	people who come to a country to live
<i>huge</i>	very big
<i>brawling</i>	fighting

b  Look at the sentences/phrases below. Then watch the video and number them (1–8) in the order you hear them.

- a ... the first stickball leagues began.
- b The Emperor League helped to bring different communities together.
- c New York is also an important sporting city.
- d Stickball in the Bronx has a rich history.
- e I love coming here every Sunday ... playing around with my friends ...
- f The first people to play stickball were immigrants ...
- g ... the Latin community played stickball ...
- h ... played with old broom handles and a ball ...

3 Watch again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 The population of New York is more than **8 / 18** million.
- 2 People began playing stickball about **seven / seventy** years ago.
- 3 People play stickball **all over New York / only in the Bronx**.
- 4 The Emperor Stickball League began in **1985 / 1995**.
- 5 Stickball is popular **only in the Latin community / in many different communities**.
- 6 Ray Justin **only plays stickball / plays more than one sport**.





World view

4a Look at the statements below. Tick the statements you agree with and cross the statements you disagree with.

-  I don't understand why people get so excited about sport.
-  I prefer playing computer games to playing real sports.
-  I prefer individual sports like tennis to team sports like volleyball or hockey.
-  Sportsmen and women get too much money – they should all give 20 percent of their money to charity.
-  I think global sports are good for international relations.
-  Large sporting events are a waste of money.
-  I think governments should pay for young people to take part in sport.

b Work in pairs and compare your ideas.



FIND OUT MORE

5a Choose one of the sports in the box below (or another sport you want to know more about).

stickball Australian Rules football baseball
curling kabaddi snooker

b Go online to find out more about the sports and answer the questions.

- 1 When did it start?
- 2 Where is it popular?
- 3 How many players are in a team?
- 4 What equipment do you need?
- 5 What is the name of an important league or player of this sport?

Search: stickball / Australian Rules football / baseball / curling / kabaddi / snooker

Write up your research

6 Write a paragraph about the sport you chose. Use the prompts below to help you.

People started playing _____ (name of sport) about _____ ago (when?).
The sport is now popular in _____ (names of countries).
There are _____ (how many?) players in a team.
To play _____ (name of sport) you need _____ (equipment).
_____ (name) is a famous _____ (name of sport) player.

AFTER UNIT 1 YOU CAN ...

Ask for and provide personal information.

Ask and answer questions about your free time.

Ask and answer questions about habits and routines.

Give your opinions about sports.