

1 Match statements 1-5 in A to the correct answer (a-g) in B. Pay attention to the words in colour. There are two extra answers. **Answers, page 44**



## Play the Game!

### A

- 1 This sport is practised by people who want to **work out**, develop their muscles and **keep fit**. If you do it regularly, you'll be **in good shape**. Surprisingly, it requires **balance** as well as strength.
- 2 Admired as a **role model**, this NBA player was an exciting player to watch. He led his **teammates** at the LA Lakers to the **championships** five times. Sadly, he was killed in a helicopter crash along with his 13-year-old daughter.
- 3 This football tournament is named for the gold trophy given to the winning team. The winner as well as the **runners-up** take home huge money prizes. Various other **awards** are given including the Fair Play Trophy, which has nothing to do with **defeating** another team.
- 4 This martial art involves **striking** your **opponent** and blocking your opponent's attack. It was accepted for the Olympics for the first time in Japan, but suffered a **setback** when it was rejected for the following Olympics in Paris.
- 5 This gymnast has **ranked** first in her sport. She continually amazes fans with her **astounding** new **feats** and routines and no one understands how she **leaps** so high.

### B

- a karate
- b The Super Bowl
- c Simone Biles
- d Kobe Bryant
- e Michael Jordan
- f weightlifting
- g The World Cup



### LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

*Teammates* are the people who are in your team. What words below can also be used with *mates*? How do you say them in your language?

class | home | flat | job | room

2 Replace the words in bold with a word or phrase below that has a similar meaning.

feats | balance | keep fit | work out | astonishing | awards

- 1 Surfing requires a good sense of **equilibrium**.
- 2 She won some prestigious **prizes** at the last competition.
- 3 The player's performance was absolutely **amazing**.
- 4 It's a good idea to **exercise** at least three times a week.
- 5 Winning this tournament has been one of her greatest **accomplishments**.
- 6 I **stay in good physical condition** by going to the gym.

**3** Decide if the following sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences without changing the words in bold.

- 1 People who do sport are usually **in good shape**.
- 2 The players in your team are your **opponents**.
- 3 A **setback** helps you reach your goal.
- 4 In football, deliberately **striking** another player will get you a red card.
- 5 When an athlete is **ranked**, their achievements are compared with their opponents' achievements.

**4** Answer the questions. Pay attention to the words in bold.

- 1 What is one **championship** that many people watch on TV?
- 2 In what sports do athletes have to **leap**?
- 3 If team A **defeats** team B, whose score is higher?
- 4 In the Olympics, what medal does a **runner-up** receive?
- 5 How should an athlete behave in order to be a **role model**?

**5** What other words do you know connected to sport? Think of different equipment, locations and actions related to sport.

## LISTENING Monologues

**6** What sports star or other celebrity do you admire? What do you admire about him or her?

**7** You are going to hear four students talk about a sports star they admire. Decide which of the speakers (1-4) make the statements (a-f) below. There are two extra answers.

My favourite sports star ...

- a has talent that wasn't noticed until later
- b did not seem talented at first
- c entered the sport to solve a personal issue
- d is an innovator whose moves can't be imitated
- e has the potential to be the top athlete in his / her sport
- f took action because of a childhood event



**8** Listen again and complete the profiles.

Marcus Rashford	
Sport	1. ...
Country / Countries	2. ...
Interesting facts	He convinced his government to continue <sup>3</sup> ... for schoolchildren.



Ramla Ali	
Sport	1. ...
Country / Countries	2. ...
Interesting facts	She could not tell her family about <sup>3</sup> ...



Simone Biles	
Sport	1. ...
Country / Countries	2. ...
Interesting facts	She was adopted by <sup>3</sup> ...



Hakuho Sho	
Sport	1. ...
Country / Countries	2. ...
Interesting facts	At first he wasn't accepted because he <sup>3</sup> ...



## SPEAKING Expressing Preferences

**9** Would you rather participate in competitive sports, or do sport just for fun? Discuss with a partner. Give reasons for your answer.

*I'd rather play for fun. For me, winning isn't that important.*

*Personally, I prefer competing because it gives me more motivation.*

### USEFUL LANGUAGE

- I prefer ...
- I'd rather ...
- Personally, ...
- I think / don't think ...
- For me, ...