

Sport

Sports talk

In small groups, make top-ten lists for these categories.

sportspeople, sporting nations, events in sport, sporting disasters

Compare your lists with another group.

Sporting extremes

- What extreme sports can you think of? (Elicit as many as possible and write them on the board.) Has anyone done any of them? Tell us about it.

skydiving, snowboarding, bungee jumping, mountain biking, surfing, paragliding

- In groups, imagine you have just won a major international competition in your sport. Write a script for a television interview. Choose two of you to read it out to the class.
- In groups, invent a new sport, e.g. *It's played with bean bag and a sock. The contestants are blindfolded* Which group's sport do you think should be included in the next Olympic Games?

Guess the game

In pairs, take turns to think of a sport for your partner to guess. You can ask twenty questions and your partner can only answer 'yes' or 'no'.

(With mixed nationality classes, find out how many of them know one of their national sports, e.g. sumo wrestling, boules, cricket, kabbadi, baseball, ice hockey. Put them into groups with students who do not know the sport so that they can explain it to them.)

Blood sports

What different blood sports can you think of? Do you think there is anything wrong with killing animals for sport?

Work in two groups, those who support blood sports, and those who are against. Prepare as many arguments in support of your position as you can. Try to predict the arguments of the other group.

Work with a partner from the other group. Compare your arguments. Can your partner manage to persuade you to change your position?

Project

Use the internet to research your favorite sportsperson. Prepare a brief presentation for the next lesson.