Free Time and Sport

Hobbies and sports, the places, people and results, and the words of clubs, rulebooks and field sports, from A1 to C2.

A1–C2 · English Vocabulary, Lesson 32

go swimming · beat the champions · not cricket

Hobbies *A1–A2*

reading	drawing
painting	photography
cooking	gardening
dancing	singing
the guitar	the piano
chess	video games
fishing	baking

I love dancing · I don't like running (like + -ing)

Sports *A1–A2*

football	tennis
rugby	cricket
basketball	badminton
swimming	cycling
running	skiing
judo	athletics
golf	yoga

play tennis · go swimming · do judo · play the guitar

Places, people, results *B1–B2*

Places: a pitch, a court, a course, a track, a pool, a rink, a sports hall

People: a referee, an umpire, a judge, a coach, a captain, a volunteer

Results: win a match · beat a team · lose · draw · score

Events: a match, a race, a tournament, a league, a final, a medal

Phrasal verbs: take up, give up, warm up, join in, sign up for

Clubs: a member, membership, a subscription, kit, trainers

*I **took up** badminton last year, and on Saturday we **beat** the top team in the **league**.*

You win a match; you beat a team (ganar a = beat)

Ideals, rules, field sports *C1–C2*

Ideals: the amateur ideal, sportsmanship, gamesmanship, fair play, a good loser

Rules: a governing body, eligibility, a sanction, a ban, an appeal, strict liability

Field sports: angling, game and coarse fishing, close season, catch and release, a beater, a gamekeeper, a stalker, a ghillie, to cull

Idioms: not cricket, hit for six, throw in the towel, jump the gun, par for the course, the ball is in your court

*Under **strict liability**, the athlete received a **ban** and was **stripped of** her title.*

hunting (hounds) · shooting (guns) · stalking (deer)

Talking about free time

- *What do you do in your free time?*
- *I go swimming twice a week.*
- *Do you fancy a game of tennis?*
- *Who won? We drew two all.*

Common mistakes

- ~~I play the football.~~ → I **play football**.
- ~~We won them.~~ → We **beat** them.
- ~~I like swim.~~ → I like **swimming**.
- *coach* (a person) · *trainers* (shoes)

Words with a past

- **referee**: one to whom a question is referred
- **badminton**: Badminton House, Gloucestershire
- **angling**: Old English *angul*, a fishhook
- **wicket**: Old French *wiket*, a small gate

My new words

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