

Lessons 9-14: Presentation on sports (please refer to SoWs pp.60-61)

Activity

Form groups of three to four. From the list of sports on the next page, choose one that your group is interested in. Prepare a short presentation to introduce the sport to your classmates. You should collect the necessary information. This is a short presentation and you will not require a great deal of detail. Organise the material and concentrate on the most interesting points. Your presentation may include:

- a brief introduction
- basic information on the sport
- the sport's popularity
- the pleasures of the sport
- the dangers of the sport
- closing comments

Share out the points among your group mates.

(Before you make the presentation, you might like to refer to the suggested plan, the presentation guidelines and the presentation feedback form on pp.8-10 for the areas you would need to pay attention to.)

A suggested plan with guiding questions

When planning your presentation, you might like to consider the following:

1. **Introduction.** Interesting opening comments to attract the audience's attention.
2. **Basic information on the sport.** Is it an individual or team event? What equipment is needed? How and where is it played? What is the aim of the sport? Who controls its rules?
3. **The sport's popularity.** Is the sport played by a lot of people and in many countries? Where can the sport be watched? Who watches it? Who/What are some famous players/teams/events? What kind or amount of support do they get from the fans?
4. **The pleasures of the sport.** What makes it enjoyable? What skills does it call upon? If possible, be personal.
5. **The dangers of the sport.** What sort of injuries (if any) may be risked? What abuses take place in relation to the sport?
6. **Closing comments.** Encourage interest in the sport.

List of sports

1. badminton	21. marathon running
2. baseball	22. mountaineering
3. basketball	23. rugby
4. bowling	24. sailing
5. boxing	25. skateboarding
6. car racing	26. skiing
7. cricket	27. snooker
8. cycling	28. softball
9. diving	29. squash
10. fencing	30. sumo
11. field athletics	31. surfing
12. football	32. swimming
13. golf	33. table-tennis
14. gymnastics	34. tae kwon do
15. hockey	35. tennis
16. ice hockey	36. track athletics
17. ice skating	37. volleyball
18. judo	38. water-polo
19. kung fu	39. weightlifting
20. karate	40. wind surfing

You may select a sport from outside the list for presentation.

Presentation guidelines

1. Do not read from your script or it will sound unnatural. Put a few headings on cards you can hold easily and glance quickly at as you talk. e.g.
THE WILLIAMS SISTERS
WIMBLEDON
THE US OPEN
2. Practise your presentation. Make sure it is the right length and that you have time to cover all your points.
3. You will be given feedback under the following headings:
 - Content (Is the information suitable? Is the information interesting?)
 - Organisation (Are the ideas well-connected?)
 - Language (Are the words said correctly? Are the sentences well-formed with suitable tenses?)
 - Delivery strategies (Is the speech given in a natural way and without much hesitation? Can the words be heard clearly? Is there enough eye contact? Are suitable body movements used?)
 - Collaboration with group mates (How well do group mates cooperate in presenting the message?)