

Unit 2 Sports

Vocabulary Task

Match the phrases with the pictures.

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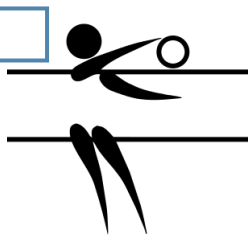
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- A. swimming B. playing tennis C. playing baseball D. sailing
E. playing hockey F. playing volleyball G. playing basketball H. shooting

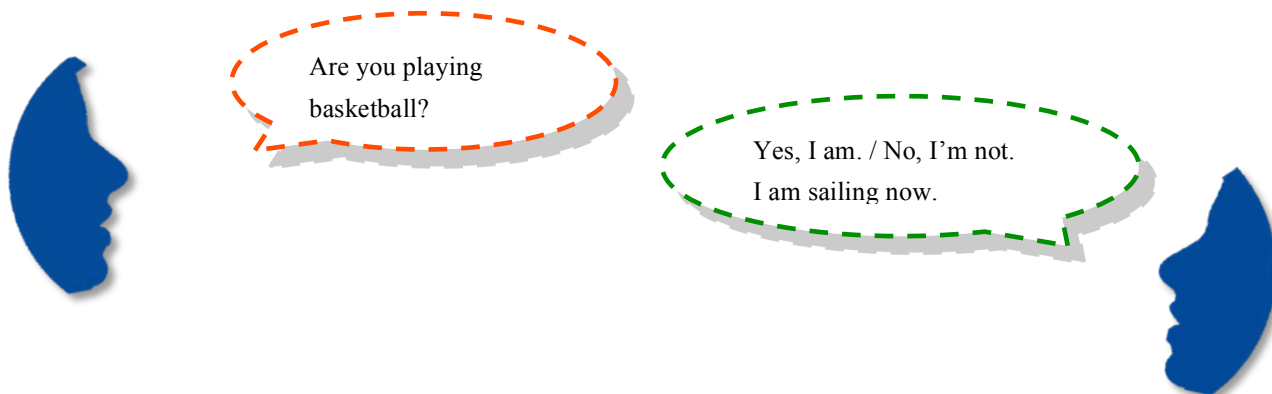
Grammar Task

Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. Tom is playing baseball (baseball) with his friends.
2. What are they doing? (volleyball) _____.
3. Do you see that? Mary is still swimming (swim)! She started swimming two hours ago.
4. Look, Jack is playing basketball (basketball). He really is a good basketball player.
5. Jimmy and Bill are playing tennis (tennis) for practice. They have a competition this weekend.

Communication Task

Look at the pictures on the previous page. Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions with the help of the following patterns.



Reading

Read the news script and complete the tasks.

By Edward Jones, CNN

August 16, 2008 – Updated 1630 GMT (2230 BJT)

“Welcome back to Sports Today. I’m Edward Jones. Today is the 8th day of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Our coverage begins with James Stone at the National Stadium in Beijing, China. Hi, James?”



“Hi, Edward. It’s 22:29 in Beijing. The men’s 100 meters final is going to start in one minute. And now all the athletes are at the starting line warming up. Ok, there’s the start. Bolt is getting an excellent start. Frater is having a nice run on the outside, but it’s all Bolt! Richard Thompson is trying to catch Bolt. Look at Bolt, he’s extremely fast and nobody can touch him. Oh, he’s opening his arms in celebration before he reaches the goal. His finish is the best. Oh my god! A new Olympic and world record of



9.69s! Usain Bolt! Unbelievable! How can you do that Bolt?

All the people are yelling and screaming right now! Next is the award ceremony. Edward, that’s the big result we’ve been hoping for.”

“Thanks for that James. And congratulations to Usain Bolt. We’ll be right back.”

Comprehension Task

Answer the questions based on the report.

1. What time did the men's 100 meters final start?
2. What is the new world record of the men's 100 meters in 2008?
3. What does Bolt do before he reaches the goal?

Grammar Task

Write sentences following the example given.

1. run / . / Bolt / now

Bolt is running now.

2. play / over there / look / . / Jordan / , / basketball

3. right now / Beckham / . / play / in the stadium / football

4. tennis / at the moment / . / Li Na / play

5. swim / these days / ? / Phelps

Discuss with your group members whether the words in the box can be placed in the sentences.

If yes, decide where in the sentences you can put these words.

right now now yesterday Look tomorrow at this moment

1. I am sailing.
2. Those people are having fun playing soccer.
3. My grandfather is doing exercise.
4. The coach is instructing those basketball players.



Writing Task

Imagine you are a reporter. Write a report about what each of your classmates is doing on School Sports Day.



Complete the phone conversation between Leo and Amy.

Leo: This is Leo. Where are you? I'm already at the gym.

Amy: I'm on my way.

Leo: Hurry! Hurry! You're late! Oh my god! Someone is falling off the running machine.

Amy:

Leo:

Amy: Anyway, hurry up.

Leo: Ok! I'll be there in five minutes.

See you soon.



Dialogue

- Jesse: Welcome to the Jesse Show. Today's guest is a famous NBA star. Let's welcome Yao Ming!
- Yao: Hi Jesse. Good evening, everybody. Nice to be here.
- Jesse: Hi Yao. You retired from the NBA last year, right? So what have you been doing recently?
- Yao: I am studying at Shanghai Jiao Tong University for my bachelor's degree in management.
- Jesse: Sounds like you're having a good time. You must be a very good student there.
- Yao: Haha! Actually, I am having a tough time. You know, I quit studying a long time ago, so I am still trying to get used to it again.
- Jesse: Is it so difficult?
- Yao: Um...not so much. And I get to spend time with my family in Shanghai. That leaves me feeling very relaxed and happy.
- Jesse: So are you playing basketball at your university?
- Yao: Not really. But I am running a basketball club called the Shanghai Sharks while studying at college.
- Jesse: Your basketball club seems quite successful. Do you think that your club can produce a new NBA star?
- Yao: I hope so.
- Jesse: Ok. We'll be right back after the break with more from Yao.



Comprehension Task

Summarize what Yao is doing these days.

1. Studying in Shanghai Jiao Tong University
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Communication Task

Practice the dialogue with your partner.

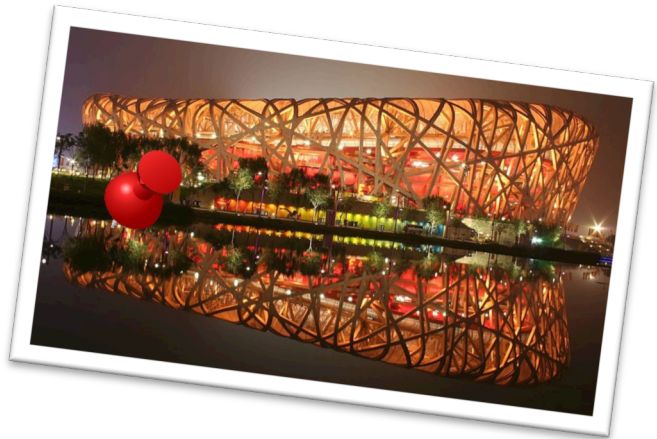
Interview your partner about his/her recent life.

Name			
His/her recent life			

Listening Task

Listen and answer the questions

1. Who are the speakers?
2. What are they talking about?
3. What are their plans?



Discuss with your partner and decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jack is standing inside the Bird's Nest. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Today is the first visitor's day at the Bird's Nest. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. It is crowded there. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Jack will wait for Jenny at the entrance to the Bird's Nest. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The ticket costs more than 50 RMB. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Jenny will walk to the Bird's Nest | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Communication Task

Discuss with your partners and summarize how to make and answer a phone call.

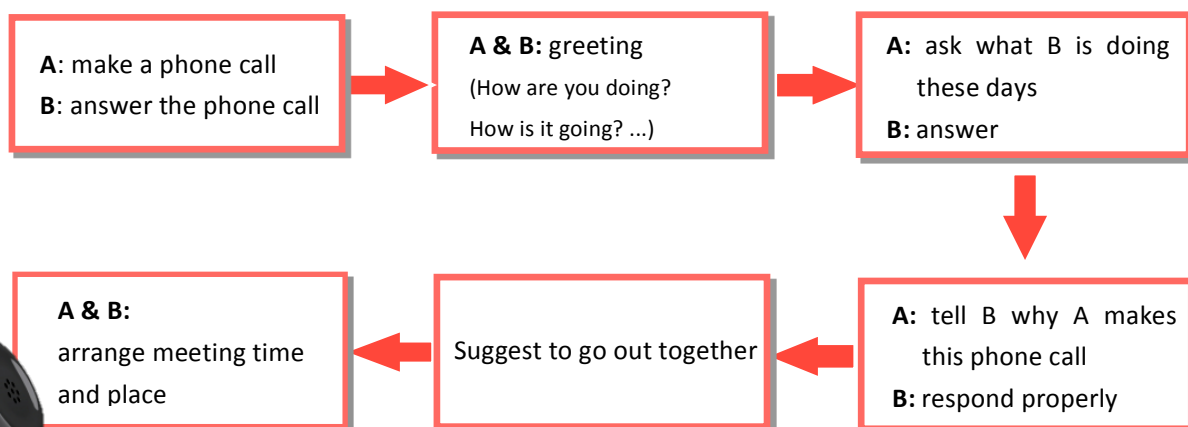
Work with your partners and write the sentences in the correct row.

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|---|--|
| 1. Hello? | 8. She's not here. Can I ask who's calling? |
| 2. Can I talk to your brother? | 9. This is she. |
| 3. Hi, this is Jimmy. | 10. Is Adam in? |
| 4. Would you like to leave a message? | 11. May I have your name and the reason for your call? |
| 5. Hold on for a moment. I'll call her. | 12. May I speak with Miss Liu, please? |
| 6. I'll let him know you called. | 13. Could you take a message for me? |
| 7. Is David there, please? | 14. One moment please. I'll get her. |



answering the phone	
asking to speak with someone	
connecting someone	
leaving or taking a message	

Work in pairs and create a phone call conversation using the following steps.



Grammar Awareness

Present Continuous Tense

The present continuous tense is used to express:

1. an activity or event happening now.

They are swimming in the swimming pool.

2. an activity or event happening around now, but perhaps not at the moment of speaking.

I am reading a book

3. a planned future arrangement.

What are you doing tonight?

Present Time	Future Time
Be (am/is/are) + V-ing	
something is happening now: <i>I'm dancing now.</i>	planned future arrangement: <i>I'm meeting friends tonight.</i>

Affirmative (statements)

I	am ('m)	dancing.
You	are ('re)	joking.
She/He/It	is ('s)	eating
We/You/They	are ('re)	sleeping.

Negative

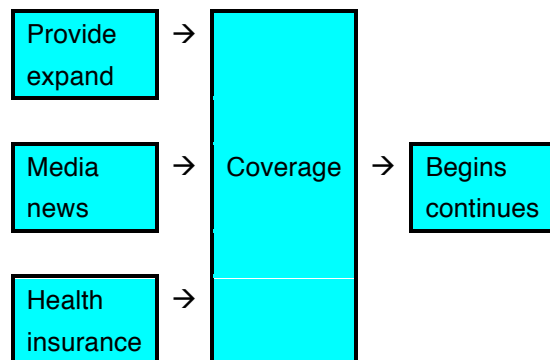
I	am not ('m not)	dancing.
You	are not (aren't)	joking.
She/He/It	is not (isn't)	eating
We/You/They	are not (aren't)	sleeping.

Questions

Am	I	dancing.
Are	You	joking.
Is	He/she/it	eating
Are	We/you/they	sleeping.

What	Am	I	Doing?
	Are	You	
	Is	He/she/it	
	Are	We/you/they	

Word awareness



Examples:

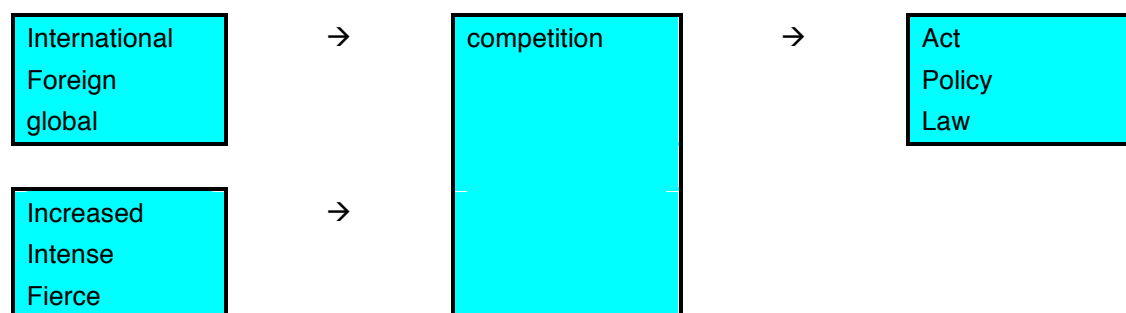
It will provide/expand health coverage to people with the greatest financial needs.

Recent media coverage shows that consequences can be quite serious.

Our special coverage begins at 6:00 Eastern time.

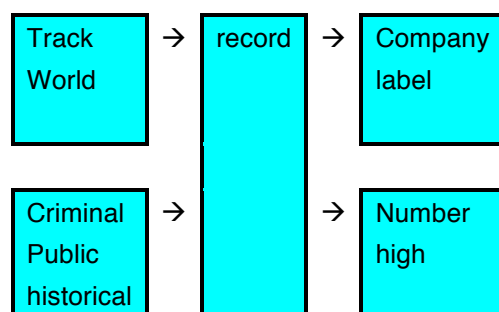
Our coverage continues in a moment.

Pattern	Example
coverage+of+NP	of a major news event of the investigation
coverage+for+NP	for all Americans for abortion care



Examples: The UAE wins the international competition for the clean energy agency.
 The increased competition has made air travel cheaper.
 The 1986 Competition Act is federal legislation.

Pattern	Example
competition+for+NP	for resources for qualified workers
competition+with+NP	with other groups with another interpreter
competition+among/between+NP	among/between individuals among/between local unions
competition+between+NP+and+NP	between countryside and city the military and the family



Examples:
 He has a fabulous track record.
 His record company dropped him recently.
 Apple stock hit a new record high today.

Pattern	Example
record+of+NP	of 1,140 inches of 8 hours
record+of+-ing verb	of supporting the enhanced interrogations of winning elections
record+for+NP	for a club member for that show
record+high+of+numercial	high of \$21 billion in 2003
record+high+in+temporal	high in January high in the third quarter

Words you need to know

actually (Adv) in fact; in reality 实际上，事实上

award (V&N) to grant as merited or due; something awarded or granted, as for merit 授予, 奖品

celebration (N) an act of celebrating; the festivities engaged in to celebrate something 庆典

competition (N) the act of competing, as for profit or a prize; rivalry; a test of skill or ability; a contest
竞赛，比赛

coverage (N) the extent or degree to which something is observed, analyzed, and reported; news report
覆盖，覆盖范围，新闻报道

expand (V) to increase the size, volume, quantity, or scope of; enlarge; to express at length or in detail;
enlarge on 扩张，发展

extremely (Adv) to the extreme; exceedingly 非常，及其

hockey (N) a game played on a field by two opposing teams of 11 players each, who try to hit a ball
into their opponents' goal using long sticks curved at the end 曲棍球

produce (V) to bring forth; yield; to create by physical or mental effort 生产，创作

insurance (N) the act, system, or business of providing financial protection for property, life, health,
etc, against specified contingencies, such as death, loss, or damage, and involving payment of
regular premiums in return for a policy guaranteeing such protection 保险

reporter (N) a writer, investigator, or presenter of news stories 记者

retire (V) to withdraw from one's occupation, business, or office; stop working 退休

sailing (N) the skill required to operate and navigate a vessel; navigation 航海，航行

scream (V) to utter a long loud piercing cry, as from pain or fear; to make a loud piercing sound 尖叫

seem (V) to give the impression of being; appear; to appear to one's own opinion or mind 似乎，像是

shooting (N) the act of firing a projectile 射击

successful (Adj) having a favorable outcome; having obtained something desired or intended 成功的

stadium (N) a large, usually open structure for sports events with tiered seating for spectators 体育馆，
露天大型运动场

unbelievable (Adj) not to be believed; incredible 难以置信的

while (Conj&N) as long as; during the time that; although a period of time 然而，一段时间