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SEA GAMES

- Reporting a Soccer Game
 - Reading: Report of the 24th SEA Games
 - Writing: Article on Basketball
 - *Play, Do, or Go*
 - Comparative *and* Comparative
The + Comparative ... + the + Comparative ...
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PRONUNCIATION

a) Circle the word whose bold part is pronounced differently from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. aer o bics | B. solid a rity | C. co o peration | D. bow l ing |
| 2. A. f oul | B. g round | C. t ough | D. p rofound |
| 3. A. q uestion | B. o fficial | C. f ederation | D. d elicious |
| 4. A. l iterally | B. s ymbolize | C. h ymn | D. e agle |
| 5. A. S iamese | B. g ymnastics | C. s ymbolize | D. s ystemize |

b) Circle the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. o pponent | B. d elegate | C. f abulous | D. s lippy |
| 2. A. e legance | B. w indsurfing | C. P hilippine | D. d elicious |
| 3. A. g ymnasium | B. l egendary | C. c ompetitive | D. p eninsula |
| 4. A. m ascot | B. s tylized | C. a dmit | D. b owling |
| 5. A. s ouvenir | B. c ertify | C. i nterview | D. s ymbolize |



LISTENING

a) Listen and check (✓) all the sports or games mentioned in the recording.

boxing	_____	horseback riding	_____
wrestling	_____	tennis	_____
table tennis	_____	hockey	_____
gymnastics	_____	basketball	_____
diving	_____	baseball	_____
volleyball	_____	weightlifting	_____
long jump	_____	soccer	_____

b) Listen to the recording again and choose the best answer to complete each of the unfinished sentences.

1. People have enjoyed sports for _____.
A. hundreds of years
B. thousands of years
C. millions of years
D. two thousand years
2. In some individual sports such as _____ one person competes against other individuals.
A. horseback riding
B. baseball
C. basketball
D. soccer
3. A basketball team consists of _____.
A. eleven players
B. nine players
C. seven players
D. five players
4. _____ do not get paid for participating in a sport.
A. All sportsmen
B. Players of team sports
C. Amateur athletes
D. Professional players
5. Ancient Greeks played sports and games for _____.
A. religious reasons
B. military skills
C. preparing wars
D. training soldiers
6. Organized sports have been common _____.
A. for thousands of years
B. since the last century
C. since the eighteenth century
D. since the nineteenth century



SPEAKING

a) *Two friends are talking about a soccer game in their school. Put the words in the box into the blanks and practice the conversation with your partner.*

dribbled	fouled	headed	intercepted
passed	save	shot	tackle

A: What about last Sunday's soccer game? Your team won?

B: Yes. We beat An Phu School team by one nil.

A: Marvelous! Who scored?

B: The star of the game was undoubtedly Nam, especially in the closing minutes of the game. The excitement really started when An (1)_____ the ball to Nam. Nam (2)_____ the ball past three players ...

A: How fantastic!

B: ... but he was stopped by a magnificent (3)_____ from a defender of An Phu school team.

A: It was very exciting!

B: He kicked the ball high but An (4)_____ it and again passed it to Nam. Nam had a (5)_____ at goal, but the goalkeeper managed to (6)_____ it.

A: Well, so disappointing!

B: A couple of minutes later, when a high ball came Nam's way, he jumped, (7)_____ it into the net and scored the only goal of the game.

A: Was there any other chance for scoring?

B: Yes. A minute before the end of the game, Nam was about to score again when he was (8)_____ by a player, who was immediately sent off by the referee. Anyway, my school team beat An Phu School team by one nil.

A: I wish I had been at the game with you.

b) *Practice reporting a recent sporting event in your local area or your school.*



READING

Read the following report of the 24th SEA Games and do the tasks that follow.

SOCCKER: Thailand 3 vs. Singapore 0

KORAT, Thailand – Host nation thrashed Singapore 3-0 to reach the SEA Games soccer final where they will face Myanmar, who disposed of Viet Nam 3-1 through penalties.

Thailand scored their first goal halfway in the first half through Wuttichai's header and Singaporean goalkeeper Hassan failed to clear. The Thai took control after that. What a nervous half for both sides!

When the Thai took another lead with the second goal in the second half, Singapore was at a loss and the fanatical home supporters urged the home team on and Thailand had another last goal in less than a quarter of an hour to go when Prat scored from close range.

If Thailand wins against Myanmar this coming Friday in the final, it will be their eighth consecutive win in the SEA Games.

a) Match each word or phrase in column A with its meaning in column B.

A	B
1. <i>thrashed</i>	a. beat or defeated somebody
2. <i>final</i>	b. kick or hit the ball away
3. <i>disposed of</i>	c. an act of hitting the ball with your head
4. <i>penalties</i>	d. defeated somebody very easily in a game
5. <i>header</i>	e. extremely enthusiastic about something
6. <i>clear</i>	f. the last event of a series of games
7. <i>fanatical</i>	g. following one after another in a series, without interruption
8. <i>consecutive</i>	h. free kicks at goal without any defending players except the goalkeeper

b) Choose the option (A, B, C, or D) that best answers the question before it.

1. Which sporting event does this report describe?
 - A. The SEA Games soccer quarter-final.
 - B. The SEA Games soccer semi-final.
 - C. The SEA Games soccer final.
 - D. The SEA Games finals.
2. What was the result of the game?
 - A. Thailand beat Myanmar by three goals to one.
 - B. Myanmar beat Thailand by three goals to one.
 - C. Singapore beat Thailand by three goals to nil.
 - D. Thailand beat Singapore by three goals to nil.
3. How many goals did Thailand score in the first half?
 - A. One.
 - B. Two.
 - C. Three.
 - D. None.
4. Which teams will play in the SEA Games soccer final?
 - A. Singapore and Viet Nam.
 - B. Myanmar and Singapore.
 - C. Thailand and Myanmar.
 - D. Myanmar and Viet Nam.
5. Which teams will play for the bronze medal?
 - A. Myanmar and Viet Nam.
 - B. Singapore and Viet Nam.
 - C. Myanmar and Singapore.
 - D. Thailand and Myanmar.
6. According to the report, how many times has Thailand won the SEA Games soccer finals up to this time?
 - A. Five.
 - B. Six.
 - C. Seven.
 - D. Eight.



WRITING

Based on the following outline, write an article for your school magazine about basketball as a popular American sport.



Title: **Basketball – a Popular American Sport**

Paragraph 1: Introduction

- one of the most popular sports in the U.S.
- completely American in origin

Paragraph 2: History

- early 1890s by James A. Naismith, a P.E. teacher
- quickly spreading

Paragraph 3: Description of the game

- Number of players: two teams of five players each
- Equipment: a ball and a rectangular court with suspended baskets at each end
- Rules of playing the game: pass or bounce the ball, and put it in the basket
- How to score or win the game: Points from one to three for successful throws

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

A favorite sport with increasing popularity around the world



USE OF LANGUAGE

a) Complete each of the following sentences with the correct verb form of play, do or go and a sport or game, using the picture prompts.



1. I join this club _____ every Sunday morning although it makes me very tired.



2. My school has recently built a new gym. My classmates _____ in the gym now.



3. Many doctors believe that we shouldn't _____ because it is too dangerous.



4. We _____ in the countryside last weekend and everyone enjoyed it a lot.



5. My sister _____ a lot recently. She is taking part in the school's gymnastic display.



6. We _____ on Saturday. Would you like to join us?



7. It is not easy _____ well. It needs a lot of practice.



8. I don't have much time _____ this year because I have to prepare for the coming examination.



9. _____ in the sea was what we enjoyed most during our last holiday.



10. – Where is Tam now?
– He _____ in the gym.

b) Fill in each blank with the double comparative of one of the words in the box.

great much many hard well

Our team is playing (1)_____ this season. The players practice (2)_____ every day and they have made (3)_____ progress. They hope to score (4)_____ goals to set a new record. Their determination accounts for the (5)_____ numbers of spectators going to the stadium this season.

c) Match the clauses in column A with their suitable parts in column B to make meaningful sentences.

A	B
1. The longer the match lasts, 2. The more we practice, 3. The faster he walked, 4. The harder you work, 5. The better the joke (is), 6. The longer you stay in this city, 7. The cheaper the equipment (is), 8. The hotter the weather (is),	a. the more tired he became. b. the more likely you will love it. c. the greater electricity consumption (is). d. the more exhausted the players become. e. the shorter its lifetime (is). f. the louder the laugh (is). g. the better we will get. h. the sooner you get promoted.