

"30 minutes of English"

Lesson 4.

Topic: "Sports and fitness"

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Sport in the USA

S Task 12. What popular American sports can you see in the pictures? Are they popular in your country? Do you know the names of Mohammad Ali, Carl Lewis, Michael Jordan?



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R Task 13a. Read the text. Can you guess the meaning of the following words?

earn touch push dangerous helmet jogging attract

Sports play a very important part in the American lifestyle. The President himself goes jogging every morning, plays tennis and golf.

Baseball is the most popular summer sport in America. The first American baseball match was in 1839 in New York. Americans start playing baseball young. The top players become big stars and earn a lot of money every year.

Other popular sports are basketball, soccer and football. But Americans do not play football in the same way as the rest of the world. The players can run with the ball, touch and push each other. The field looks different, and even the ball is oval. Players wear special clothes with helmets on their heads, because the game can be very dangerous.

Americans play tennis, hockey and most other international sports, they like wrestling, boxing, horse-racing. Most American men like hunting and fishing. Jogging has become very popular recently. Unfortunately, most Americans prefer watching sports on television. Every year about 150 million people watch basketball matches. Tennis, ice-hockey and skating also attract millions of viewers. This fact turned America into a nation of spectators.

Task 13b. Answer the questions.

1. What is the most popular summer sport in America?
2. When was the first baseball match?
3. Why is American football different from European football?
4. What other sports do Americans like?
5. Do all Americans go in for sports?



S Task 14. Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about sports.

Possible questions	Possible answers
What is your favourite sport?	My favourite sport is ...
Why do you like it?	I like it because ...
Is it dangerous?	Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.
When did you ... ?	I started to play ...
Where do usually ... ?	Usually I do sports in ...

W Task 15. Write about your favourite kind of sport in 5-7 sentences. Why do you prefer it?