



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Discussing Popular Sports

Topic: Discussing Recreation and Free Time Activities

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

Practice on Your Own

There are many different sports and leagues all around the world. People in different countries and different regions of the world are interested in a variety of sports; there are national, regional, and continental differences in sports interest.

- What are the most popular sports in the world? Be prepared to talk about them. You can discuss why are they popular, where they are most popular, which teams are popular, players, how much money is spent...
- Prepare to tell others about your interest in sports, teams you support, sports you play...
- Prepare a conversation in which two people discuss two different sports in a comparative way. X is more popular; Y is more expensive; It is more interesting because it is more active, while the other one is boring; This is dangerous but the other one is safer...
- Read about the sports and games in the country/ies where the language is spoken. What do you think about the sports situation in that country? What is your conversation partner's opinion?

Practice in Conversation Session

- Warm up by talking with your conversation partner about your interest in sports, teams you support, sports that you play, etc. Ask your conversation partner about his/her interests.
- Have a conversation about the popular sports in the world, reasons behind their popularity, regions where they are popular, differences among the regions, famous teams and players...
- Compare a few of the popular sports with each other in terms of expenses, ease of playing them, safety or danger, if they are interesting or boring...
- Discuss the sports that are popular in the country/ies where the language is spoken. Compare that country with the U.S. in terms of sports.