



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### Conversation Preparation Guides

**Title: Sports Vocabulary**

**Topic: Discussing Recreation and Free Time Activities**

**Level: Novice**

#### Practice on Your Own

- Think of some of the main sports that are played internationally and in the country/ies where the language is spoken. Are the names similar to the English terms? Practice pronouncing them.
- What other terms are used when talking about these sports?
  - Stadium, ball, racket, gym, court, field, player, to play, to run, to exercise, to win, to lose...
- Write about some of the sports, combining different terms and forming sentences. Also practice speaking about sports out loud.
  - Football stadium, soccer field, tennis court, basketball court...
  - Football referee, soccer players, volleyball players...
  - I like soccer. Americans like football and basketball. Indians like cricket...
  - In Germany, kids play soccer. In Canada, people play hockey...
- Think about the sports that are common in the country/ies where the language is spoken – the popular games, the most popular teams, the expenses... (If you don't know much about this, you can do some research online.)

#### Practice on Your Own

- Pronounce the sports vocabulary that you have thought about for your conversation partner to check your pronunciation. Pay close attention to any names that are similar to English terms but are pronounced differently.
- Now tell your conversation partner the combinations you have come up with such as soccer field, football referee...
- Talk about different sports, what you like, what is popular in other countries, what is popular in the country/ies where the language is spoken.