Task 1
Warmer and vocabulary

1. Below are four word clouds. Use the words in each word cloud to make a statement about sport.

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2. Statements a-d are said by a famous sports person during a video you are going to watch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3N1TK2tXhg

- Write the numbers 1-4 next to the statements in the order which you hear them.
- Do you agree with the statements? Why (not)? Write yes or no, then compare with your partner(s).
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3. Look at the poster entitled ‘Sport is great’.

- The poster states that Britain has the most popular football league in the world. Would you agree with this statement?
- Is football important to you?
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**Task 2**
**Speaking**

1. Take it in turns to talk with your partner about sport. Give yourself two minutes to prepare your answer.

Think about the following questions:

- Are you good at sport?
- Do you enjoy playing or watching sport? Why?
- Do you know anyone who makes a living out of sport?
- Which sports are most popular in your culture?

2. Discuss the following statement with your partner:

Sport plays a crucial role in international relations and it makes the world a better place to live.

**Share your thoughts with rest of the class.**

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Task 3
Vocabulary

In the next task you will use a text about a famous British sportsperson, Ade Adepitan. All the words and phrases in the word cloud below will appear in the text. Look at the word cloud:

- Try to write a sentence using the words and phrases
- Are there any words/ phrases you don’t know the meaning of?

### Ade Adepitan

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Task 4
Running dictation

Use the space below to rewrite the text about Ade Adepitan.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/garryknight/4927154054/
1. Idioms 1-7 are taken from the running dictation text. Match each one to its definition (a-g).

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<th>Idiom</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>a. to try hard to defeat someone and make it difficult for them to win</td>
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<td>2. to give it your best shot</td>
<td>b. to give up</td>
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<td>3. to give someone a run for their money</td>
<td>c. despite difficulties or a low probability</td>
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<td>4. to win hands down</td>
<td>d. it is your responsibility or decision to do something about a situation</td>
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<td>5. to throw in the towel</td>
<td>e. to try your hardest; put in a lot of effort</td>
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<td>6. to be a one trick pony</td>
<td>f. to win easily and by a large extent</td>
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<td>7. the ball is in your court</td>
<td>g. to be good at (and successful in) only one thing</td>
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2. Use the idioms you have just learned to fill in the gaps.

1. Alex is only really good at football. He can't play any other sports. He's a ____________________.

2. It was really unlikely that Shammi would survive after the crash, but, _______________ she has made a full recovery.

3. Although Andy lost the game, Roger had to try really hard and it wasn't an easy victory. Andy gave him ________________.

4. My football team beat the opposition by five goals. They played really well and ________________.

5. Jessica has been trying to be a professional swimmer since she was five. Now she is 21 and she still hasn't had much success, so she has decided to ________________.

6. Pete's gymnastics coach told him that the decision about the competition was up to him. He said, "_________________".

7. David really wanted to become an athlete but he knew he would have to work really hard to be successful. He decided to ________________.
Think of your own life and of the lives of people you know.

- Write some sentences about your experiences and achievements
- Try to use the idioms you have learned today

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Extension.

Prepare a short presentation about a sport of your choice.

Your presentation should be about 5 minutes long and could include information about:

- where the sport is popular
- what the rules are
- what equipment you need to play the sport
- famous people connected to the sport
- the history of the sport

- Use the internet and include images and video to make your presentation as interesting as possible

…if you are not a fan of conventional sport, choose one which is less well known. You could even create your own kind of game / sport! Be as imaginative as you like!

The following links may be of use:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/sport/newsid_3496000/3496729.stm
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-16052524
http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/886535-the-weirdest-sports-in-britain-from-tin-bath-racing-to-gurning-contests
http://www.ruralsports.co.uk/extreme-unusual-sports-category.html