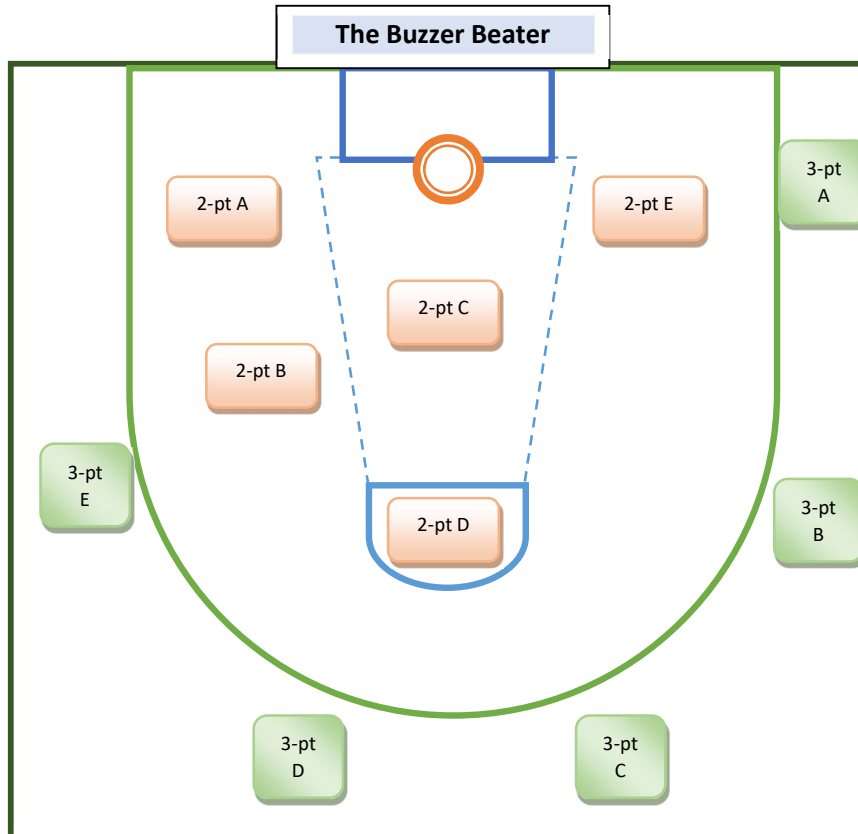


UNIT 55

# Sports



## I. Introduction



## II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

try out

used to

left-handed

league

a. is used to say that something repeatedly happened in the past

b. a group of sports teams that regularly play with one another

c. using the left hand habitually or more easily than the right

d. to undergo a test or to submit to a test to determine suitability for a place in a team, in an acting role, etc.

### III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

**Peter:** Steve, did you know that we have a company softball team? Do you play?

**Steve:** Yes, I heard the team's pretty good. I used to play a lot in high school.

**Peter:** *Are you a good player?*

**Steve:** I *used to* be. I played first base and I'm *left-handed*. I was also a good hitter.

**Peter:** Would you be interested in *trying out*?

**Steve:** Sure, when are the *tryouts* and how long is the season?

**Peter:** The tryouts are next Wednesday at 5pm in Central Park. We play for eight weeks and have a game once a week. Then the *playoffs* start *if we do well*.

**Steve:** OK, I'll be there Wednesday. Does the firm have any other sports teams?

**Peter:** Yes, there's a basketball team in the winter *league* and we also have a running team.

**Steve:** I don't like running but I play a lot of basketball as well as squash and tennis.

**Peter:** Since you're tall, you're probably a good basketball player. You should try out for that team, too.

**Steve:** *I think I will*. Basketball is my favorite sport.

**Peter:** Mine is skiing.

**Steve:** I was never much of a skier. Thanks for letting me know about the teams.

**Peter:** You're welcome. I hope it works out. I'll see you Wednesday.



#### Key Points

<u><i>Are you a good player?</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are you good at playing it?</li> <li>- Are you good?</li> <li>- Do you play well?</li> </ul>
<u><i>If we do well.</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If we perform well.</li> <li>- If we win.</li> </ul>
<u><i>I think I will.</i></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I think I should.</li> <li>- I think I might.</li> <li>- I think I'd like to.</li> </ul>

IV. Role-play

Your friend is not into sports. Try to persuade him/her to play a sport.



Part 2

I. Introduction

Wanna Bet?

Your money: \$1000



Your earnings: \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows a betting interface on a yellow background. At the top, it says "Wanna Bet?". Below that, it states "Your money: \$1000". There are two identical roulette wheels, one labeled "A" and one labeled "B". Each wheel is colorful with segments of red, green, and blue. Below each wheel is a blue base with a small screen and several buttons. At the bottom right, there is a line for "Your earnings: \_\_\_\_\_".

II. Discussion

 Exercise A

Do you Agree or Disagree?

	<p>Boxing is just for men.</p>
	<p>Governments must promote traditional sports.</p>
	<p>Extreme Sports should be banned.</p>
	<p>Governments should spend more money on Education than on recreation and sports.</p>
	<p>Professional athletes in popular sports like football and basketball are overpaid.</p>

✚ Exercise B

What can you say about...?

athletes cheating in  
Olympic games



athletes taking  
drugs to enhance  
performance



athletes running for  
public office



 Exercise C

**Role-play**

Today is the press conference for your upcoming boxing match. A reporter is asking you questions about how you prepared for the big event. Answer him as best as you can.

