

## CPI1 LEISURE

### Warmer

Ask and answer the following questions with a partner:

- How much exercise do you take each week?
- Which sport or sports do you play regularly?
- Which sports do you watch on TV?

### Listening

<http://www.elllo.org/english/0451/494-Steve-Soccer.htm>

Listen to the interview and answer the questions below:

1. Why does Steve think football is the best sport in the world? (Give three reasons)
2. Where in the world is baseball played?
3. Why does Todd think baseball is more democratic than football?
4. What skills do you need in baseball?

Look at these extracts from the transcript. Explain the meaning of the underlined words and expressions:

- a) in soccer if you're a fullback, if I'm using that correctly, you play back by the goal, you know, you're kind of just lagging back there. You're not gonna score or anything.
- b) The crowd really appreciate a good strong defender and a nifty striker who gets in there and poaches a lot of goals for his team.

<http://www.elllo.org/english/0501/542-Alan-Hockey.html> (Slideshow audio quiz)

Listen to the interview and answer the questions below:

1. What is a salary cap?
2. Why does Alan think salary caps are a good idea for professional hockey players?
3. Why is Alan confident that there won't be any more strikes for a while?

<http://www.ello.org/english/1001/1006-Winning.htm>

**Listen to the interview and answer the questions below:**

1. Why does Monica think that more emphasis should be put on participating rather than winning?
2. Why does Todd think more focus should be on winning rather than participating?
3. Why does Monica think that a competitive attitude in the workplace can be negative?

**Look at these extracts from the transcript. Explain the meaning of the underlined words and expressions:**

- a) the emphasis is shifted from enjoyment to basically results
- b) if you have had an upbringing where you've been in a sports team that has been overly competitive,...
- c) **Todd:** Yeah, well that's another debate for another day. **Monica:** Is that a cop out or what?

### **Sports discussion**

**Read the questions below. Check any words you don't know with your teacher.**

**Form groups of 4-5 students. In your group, each student must choose one question from the list to discuss with the other students. Each student must choose a different question. Ask and answer each other's questions.**

1. What do you think is the best sport in the world? Explain your answer.
2. Do you think professional sports players' high salaries are justified? Why (not)?
3. Is it ok for professional sports players to go on strike? What about in international tournaments?
4. Do you think sports lessons should be compulsory in schools? Why (not)?
5. Do you feel proud if your national team wins a match? Explain your answer.
6. Do you think that sport distracts people from things that are really important?
7. Is it wrong to take drugs in sports competitions? Why (not?)
8. Whose fault is it when athletes dope themselves? The athlete, the trainer or society in general for putting so much pressure on the athlete?
9. If an Olympic athlete from your country was disqualified for doping, would you feel ashamed for your country?
10. If an athlete had surgery in order to improve his or her performance, would you consider that the same as doping, ethically speaking? What about acupuncture? Hypnotherapy? A sex change?