

**1. Before listening again, look at the transcript. What are the missing words? Listen to check your answers when finished.**

- A. Hey, Shaun.
- B. Hi, Leanne. What's up?
- A. You're a sports guy, right?
- B. I guess you could say that. I do love sports. What about you?
- A. Not so much - I mean - I like to (a) **exercise** and do things like running and yoga, but I've never really enjoyed sports where you compete against others. I guess I'm just not a very competitive person.
- B. Yeah, I'm exactly the opposite. I (b)  to win and (c)  to lose.
- A. So what kinds of sports are you into?
- B. Well, do you mean what kinds of sports am I into (d)  or (e)  on TV? Cause they're different.
- A. Well, let's start with playing. What sports do you play?
- B. Um, okay, well when I was a kid, I did a lot of team sports like soccer, football, baseball, hockey...
- A. Wow. That's a lot. All that equipment must have been expensive for your parents.
- B. Oh, I'm sure.
- A. Which one did you like the most?
- B. That's a good question. I remember (f)  hockey the most.
- A. Hockey? Really? Which position did you play?
- B. I was a goaltender. My job was to stop the puck from (g)  into the net.
- A. Cool. Do you still play?
- B. No. I had to quit (h)  because of a bad knee.
- A. Oh, that's too bad. Do you play any other sports these days?
- B. Yep. I play soccer in the winters and softball in the summers.
- A. Cool. Tell me about that. Do you just play with your friends, or do you play in actual leagues?
- B. Oh, leagues for sure. Yeah, they're are lots of teams and players. It's all really organized. For soccer, I play in a men's league. It's pretty competitive. Everybody wants to (i) .
- A. And what about softball?

- B. Oh, my softball league's totally different. It's co-ed, and everyone's really friendly.
- A. Co-ed? What's that?
- B. Oh, sorry. Co-ed means it's for both men and women. In fact, in my league, every team needs to (j) [redacted] a minimum of six women.
- A. Cool.
- B. Yeah, it's fun. We play two games every Saturday in Stanley Park. Between the games, we have a barbecue, and we all eat lunch together. It's awesome.
- A. Wow.
- B. Yeah. It's also a good mix of players. Some people are real athletes and are super good. Then, there are others who never played as a child, so they're not as good. In the end, nobody really cares how good you are. Everyone's there just to have fun and meet others.
- A. That sounds really cool...So let's talk about the kinds of sports you like to watch on TV.
- B. Sure. I like watching soccer, hockey, and baseball. I also really (k) [redacted] to watch UFC.
- A. UFC? I've heard of that. That's like karate or something, right?
- B. Um, kind of I guess. It's just like boxing, but they (l) [redacted] kicking and wrestling too.
- A. I see. So do they have fights every week or something?
- B. No, the UFC holds fights every couple of months or so. You have to pay to watch it on TV, so people usually choose to go to a pub or restaurant to watch it there.
- A. I see. So, you haven't talked about golf at all. What do you think about golf?
- B. Um, well, playing golf is okay I guess. It's fun to play with a bunch of friends or something. I can't stand watching it on TV, though. The pace is just too slow for me. I refuse to watch it.
- A. Yeah, it's pretty boring to me too.
- B. Yeah.
- A. Cool, well, thanks for answering all my questions about sports.
- B. No problem.

2. Which verbs in the text are followed by gerunds? Which verbs are followed by **to** and a base verb? Are there any verbs that you can see that can be followed by gerunds or **to** and a base verb?

Followed by gerund	Followed by to + base verb	Followed by either gerund or to + base verb
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