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Talking about sports, likes and comparisons



1. Likes and dislikes

We use **like**, **love**, **enjoy** and **don't like** to talk about sports and activities.

- ♥ I **like** basketball.
- ♥ She **loves** tennis.
- ♥ They **enjoy** swimming.
- ☹ He **doesn't like** rugby.
- ☹ We **don't like** running.



2. Like + verb-ing

We can also use **like**, **love** and **enjoy** + **verb-ing** (doing the activity).

Examples

- I like **playing** football.
- She loves **swimming**.
- He enjoys **running**.
- They like **watching** tennis.



3. Because

We use **because** to give a reason.

I like + activity + **because** + reason.

Examples

- I like basketball **because** it's fun.
- She likes swimming **because** it's exciting.
- He enjoys football **because** it's challenging.
- We like running **because** it keeps us healthy.



4. Comparatives

We use comparatives to compare **two** things.

Short adjectives

(adjective + **-er** + than)

- tall → **taller than**
- fast → **faster than**
- strong → **stronger than**
- popular → **more popular than**

Long adjectives

(more + adjective + than)

- dangerous → **more dangerous than**
- exciting → **more exciting than**
- difficult → **more difficult than**

Examples

- Basketball is **more popular than** tennis.
- Table tennis is **faster than** badminton.
- Rugby is **more exciting than** golf.



5. Superlatives

We use **superlatives** when we compare **three or more** things.

Short adjectives

(the + adjective-est)

- tall → **the tallest**
- fast → **the fastest**
- strong → **the strongest**
- big → **the biggest**

Long adjectives

(the **most** + adjective)

- popular → **the most popular**
- exciting → **the most exciting**
- difficult → **the most difficult**

Examples

- Football is **one of the most popular** sports in my country.
- Table tennis is **the easiest** sport.
- Rugby is **the most challenging** sport.



6. One of the most ...

We use **one of the most** + adjective + plural noun to say that something is among the most popular, famous, etc.

Examples

- Table tennis is **one of the most popular** sports in my country.
- Swimming is **one of the most exciting** sports.



7. Common mistakes

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| ✗ I like play football. | → | ✓ I like playing football. |
| ✗ She enjoy swimming. | → | ✓ She enjoys swimming. |
| ✗ Basketball is more popular | → | ✓ Basketball is more popular |
| than tennis. | | than tennis. |
| ✗ Football is one of the most | → | ✓ Football is one of the most |
| popular sport . | | popular sports . |