

Reading

Form 7

The Second Term

Text “ Sports in Great Britain ”

British people are very fond of sports. Sport is a part of their normal life. The most popular games are football and cricket.

Football, also called soccer, is the most popular sport in the United Kingdom. England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own Football leagues and national teams. Games are played on Saturday afternoons from August to April. In addition to the FL games there is a competition called the football Association Cup. The Cup Final is played at Wembley Stadium (London) in May.

Cricket is considered to be English national game. Its rules are very complicated. It is played by two teams of eleven men each, the player at a time tries to hit the ball with a bat.

Golf is the Scottish national game. It originated in the XV century and the most famous golf course in the world, known as the Royal and Ancient club, is at St. Andrew's.

Lawn tennis was first played in Britain in the XIX century. The most famous British Championship is Wimbledon, played annually during the last week of June and the first week of July.

Those are the most popular kinds of sport in the UK. But there are many other sports such as rugby, golf, swimming, horse-racing and the traditional fox-hunting.

Task 1

Choose the right answer

- 1) British people are very fond of _____.
a) music; b) sports; c) collecting things.
- 2) the most popular games are _____.
a) hockey and cricket; b) golf and football; c) football and cricket.
- 3) Football, also called soccer, is the most popular sport in _____.
a) the United Kingdom; b) the USA; c) Canada.
- 4) _____ is considered to be English national game.
a) football; b) golf; c) cricket.
- 5) _____ is the Scottish national game.
a) hockey; b) basketball; c) golf.
- 6) Lawn tennis was first played in Britain in the _____.
a) 18th century; b) 19th century; c) 20th century.

Task 2

Match the words with their translation

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| 1) league | a) чемпіонат; |
| 2) team | b) змагання; |
| 3) rule | c) любити (щось); |
| 4) championship | d) щорічно; |
| 5) complicated | e) гравець; |
| 6) horse-racing | f) команда; |
| 7) to be fond of | g) складний; |
| 8) competition | h) правило; |
| 9) annually | i) ліга; |
| 10) player | j) кінний забіг. |

Task 3

Answer the questions

- 1) Are British fond of sports?
- 2) What is the most popular game in the UK?
- 3) When and where the Football Association Cup Final is played?
- 4) What is considered to be the English national game?
- 5) What is the name of the Scottish national game?
- 6) What are the other sports popular in the UK?

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Writing

3. Write a letter to your pen-friend about cinema and theatre in your life, using the following plan:
 - the most popular film genres;
 - “I prefer going to a cinema / theatre because...”
 - my favourite film:
 - a kind of film;
 - some details about the film;
 - its director, producer, leading actors;
 - special effects, soundtrack, scenery;
 - “I’d recommend this film because...”

