

Part 1: Listening Practice

Story 1:

Mia: Hey, Scott. Did you play any sports **back in the day**?

Scott: I did. I used to play football when I lived in Scotland. I was part of a **5-a-side** team. I played in defense and attack, but I wasn't great at goalkeeping.

Mia: That's cool. I miss playing team sports. I **renewed** my gym **membership** recently but it isn't the same.

Scott: I know. It's good to exercise at the gym, but it's different. When I played football, I had to think about **tactics**, where my teammates were, and things like that.

Mia: Yeah, you have to do a lot of thinking. Do you do any sports now?

Scott: I've been trying out new things lately. I went to a hot yoga class with my friend but I almost **passed out** because I was sweating so much.

Mia: **Whoa**, make sure you drink enough water.

Story 2:

When I lived in Scotland, I used to meet my friends every Sunday to play in a 5-a-side **league**. I loved to play as a **winger**. I was fast and good at dribbling the ball, and I was good at shooting too.

One of my favourite memories is when I scored the winning goal to make us the champions of the league. We **celebrated** so much after that. My friends took me to the local pub and bought me lots of drinks. I think we celebrated a bit too much, but we had a great time.

Part 2: Pronunciation Exercise: Japanese words in English

samurai / katana / karate / origami
"Sam-rai" "Ka-TA-nah" "Ka-RAH-tee" "Ori-GAH-me"

Exercise 1: In *The Last Samurai*, Nathan was given a **kanji**-engraved **katana**.

Exercise 2: The business **tycoon** drank **sake** with the **kendo dojo sensei**.

Questions for Story 1

1. Did Scott play any sports in the past?
2. What was he a part of?
3. Was he good at goalkeeping?
4. What did Mia renew recently?
5. What did Scott have to think about when he played football?
6. What did Scott try lately?
7. Why did he almost pass out?
8. What does Mia suggest?

Questions for Story 2

1. How often did we play soccer in Scotland?
2. What position did I play on my 5-a-side team?
3. What was I good at doing?
4. What is one of my favourite memories?
5. Did we celebrate?
6. Where did we go to celebrate?
7. Did we have a good time?
8. Do you have a favourite sports memory?

Key words

Story 1

- back in the day: in the past; long time ago
[昔は]
- 5-a-side: football in which each team has 5 players on a smaller pitch
[5人制サッカー]
- renew: to extend the period of a contract
[更新する]
- membership: the agreement of being a member of a group
[会員資格]
- tactic: an action or strategy planned to achieve a goal
[戦術]
- pass out: to become unconscious
[気絶する]
- whoa: used to express surprise, interest
[うわ・あらら]

Story 2

- league: a group of sports clubs which play each other over time to become champions
[リーグ]
- winger: an offense player who plays on either of the two sides of the field
[左(右)サイドのポジションの選手]
- celebrate: to do something enjoyable to show that an occasion is special
[祝う]