

UNIT

1

Football? Soccer?

In this unit

You learn

- simple present
- present continuous
- present perfect (review)
- words for sporting apparel

and then you can

- talk on the phone
- buy things in a sporting goods store



1 Listen and read.

- Emily** Juan! Hi. What are you doing here?
- Juan** Hi Emily. I'm waiting for Pete. We're going to the game together.
- Emily** Oh, I see. By the way, this is my friend Greg.
- Juan** Hey Greg. How are you?
- Greg** Hi Juan. Fine thanks, and you?
- Juan** I'm fine. So, you're not from around here, are you?
- Greg** No, I'm from Brazil. We live in Rio de Janeiro, but my dad's working in the U.S. for a year, so here I am.
- Emily** Greg's living in the house next door to us. He's only been in the U.S. for two weeks.
- Greg** That's right. There's a lot to learn. Some things are really different here! I mean, what are those things?
- Juan** These are special gloves. You wear them when you play lacrosse. Have you heard of lacrosse?
- Greg** I think so. It's an old Native American game.
- Juan** That's right. I love it. I'm not very good, though.
- Emily** It's a little like field hockey.
- Juan** Well, it's not really, but never mind! So, Greg, do you play football?
- Greg** Yes! I've played football since I was six years old. I'm a striker.
- Juan** A what? Hey, I get it. Sorry, I'm not talking about soccer, I'm talking about our football.
- Greg** Oh, American football, of course. No, I've never played it, but I'd love to try. Are you on a team?
- Emily** OK, you two. That's enough about sports. Let's talk about something else!

2 Correct the wrong information in each sentence.

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| 1 Juan is waiting for Emily. | <i>No, Juan is waiting for Pete.</i> |
| 2 Greg's dad is working in Brazil for a year. | |
| 3 Greg has been in the U.S. for a month. | ..... |
| 4 Greg has seen lacrosse gloves before. | ..... |
| 5 Juan is very good at lacrosse. | ..... |
| 6 Juan thinks lacrosse is a little like field hockey. | ..... |
| 7 Juan has never played American football. | ..... |
| 8 Emily wants to talk more about sports. | ..... |

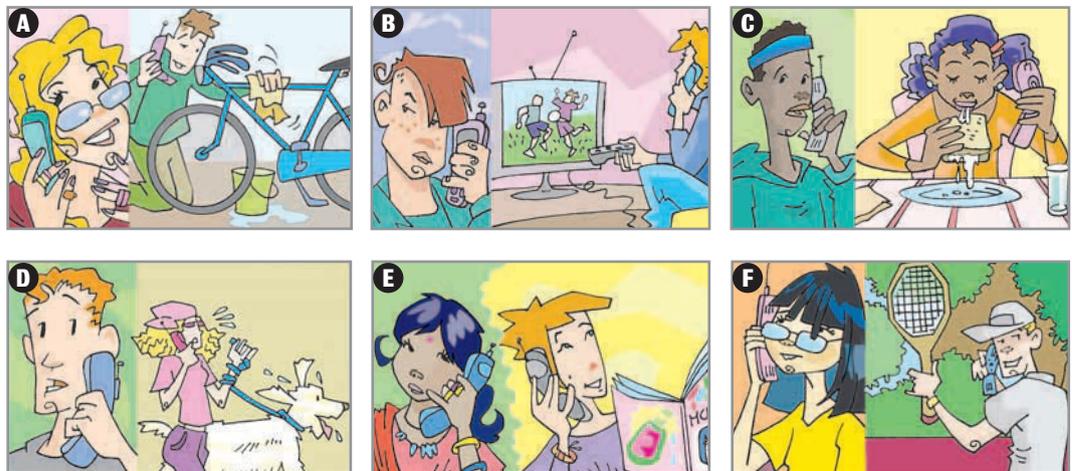
Get talking Talking on the phone

3 Listen to the dialogues. Then read the texts and match them with the pictures.



- 1 Girl** Hello, Steve. What are you doing?
Boy Hi Sally. I'm doing my homework. And you?
Girl I'm at the park.
- 2 Boy** What are you doing, Monica?
Girl I'm writing an email to my friend in California.
- 3 Girl** Hello, Andy. What are you doing?
Boy Hey, Joanna. I'm waiting for a bus. And you?
Girl I'm buying new clothes for the party on Saturday.

4 Work with a partner. Make conversations similar to the ones in Exercise 3. Use the pictures below.



Language Focus

Vocabulary Sports apparel

- 4
- gloves
 - sweatshirt
 - helmet
 - cleats
 - pads
 - tank top
 - shorts
 - socks
 - goggles
 - sneakers

1 Match the words and pictures. Then listen and check.



2 Answer the questions about the sports apparel in Exercise 1.

- 1 For which things could we say "pair of ... ?"
- 2 Which things might people wear when they:
 - a) go skateboarding? c) ride bikes? e) play tennis?
 - b) play soccer? d) go running?

When people play, they wear cleats / a shirt / knee pads / a helmet (etc.)

Get talking Buying things in a sporting goods store

3 Number the dialogue in the correct order. Listen and check.

- 10, I think.
- ..1.. May I help you?
- Oh, they look fine. Can I try them on?
- OK. What size do you wear?
- Sure, no problem.
- Well, we have these.
- Yes. I need a pair of soccer cleats.

4 Work with partner. Make similar conversations about:

- a football jersey
- a running top
- a pair of sneakers
- a pair of biking shorts

Grammar

Simple present / present continuous / present perfect (review)

1 Look at the sentences and write the name of the correct tense: SP (simple present), PC (present continuous), or PP (present perfect).

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| 1 | Do you play football? | |
| 2 | Have you heard of lacrosse? | |
| 3 | He's been in the U.S. for two weeks. | |
| 4 | He's living in the house next door. | ..... |
| 5 | I don't play very well. | ..... |
| 6 | I'm not talking about soccer. | ..... |
| 7 | I've never played it. | ..... |
| 8 | We live in Kyoto. | |
| 9 | What are you doing here? | |

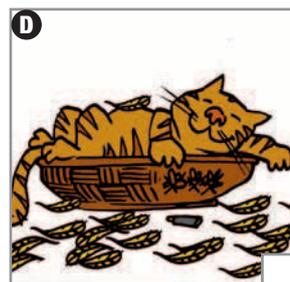
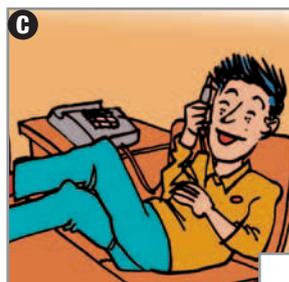
2 Match the questions and answers.

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| 1 | Do you like tennis? | a) At eight o'clock. |
| 2 | What are you doing? | b) Yes, but I'm not very good. |
| 3 | Have you finished your homework? | c) Yes, I'm opening it now. |
| 4 | What time do you go to school? | d) No, but I want to go one day. |
| 5 | Do you like banana ice cream? | e) I'm writing an email to Johnny. |
| 6 | Has Sandra sent you an email? | f) A book about Boston. |
| 7 | Have you ever been to the U.S.? | g) No. I'm still doing it. |
| 8 | What are you reading? | h) I don't know. I've never had it. |

3 Circle the correct form of the verb.

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| 1 | A Where's Pauline?
B She's in her room. <i>She's talking / She talks</i> to her friend on the phone. |
| 2 | A Are you a good skater?
B Yes, I am. <i>I go / I'm going</i> skating every weekend. |
| 3 | A Can I talk to you, please?
B Not now, <i>I'm watching / I've watched</i> a TV show. Let's talk later. |
| 4 | A What's the matter?
B I can't find my pen. <i>Have you seen / Are you seeing</i> it? |
| 5 | A She likes magazines.
B Yes. <i>She reads / She's reading</i> every day. |
| 6 | A Is that a good book?
B I don't know. <i>I don't read / I haven't read</i> it. |

4 Match the sentences and the pictures.



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| 1 Paula plays the guitar. | 5 Our cat chases birds. |
| 2 Paula's playing the guitar. | 6 Our cat is chasing birds. |
| 3 Alan's talking on the phone. | 7 She sings really well. |
| 4 Alan talks on the phone a lot. | 8 She's singing really well right now. |

5 Complete the sentences with the simple present or present continuous form of the verbs.

- Sorry, I can't talk to you now. I *'m having*... dinner. (have)
- In my house, we dinner at eight thirty. (have)
- My father home to go to work at 7:30 every day. (leave)
- Shhh! I television. (watch)
- Do you know where Graham is? I for him. (look)
- A** I play tennis with Sally every Saturday. **B** Really? Who? (win)
- A** The football game started 20 minutes ago. **B** Oh? Who? (win)

6 Circle the correct verb.

- Hey, here's the money! I *find* / *'ve found* it!
- We *live* / *have lived* in this house for 10 years.
- Jane's sick, and she *doesn't go* / *hasn't been* to school for three days.
- My parents are never here on Sunday afternoons. They *visit* / *have visited* my grandparents.
- I don't know what happens in the movie because I *don't see* / *haven't seen* it.

7 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple of the verb in parentheses.

- Sorry, he isn't here. He *'s gone*... out. (go)
- I never to go to Canada. (want)
- I a new pair of sneakers. Do you like them? (buy)
- you their new album? (hear)
- Our teacher us a lot of homework for tonight. (give)
- There are no apples left. You them all! (eat)
- We're still waiting for the bus. It yet. (not come)
- He's nervous because he for the exam. (not study)

Skills

Reading and speaking

1 Read the texts. Match each text to a photo.



Unusual American sports

1 Street luge

The luge is an Olympic event in which competitors ride a sled down an ice slide. Street luge is an extreme sport modeled on the luge. It takes place on a paved road and its competitors ride modified skateboards. Street luge began in southern California and the first professional race took place in 1975. This sport is dangerous, so there are many safety rules to help keep participants safe.

2 Catfish grabbing

Catfish grabbing is also known as catfish grappling, stumping, grabbling, noodling, or graveling. Basically, it is catching a catfish with

your bare hands. Most of the time the catfish caught in this sport are released. But every now and again a catfish might end up being fried and eaten. Catfish grabbing is popular on the Tennessee River, but also takes place in the southern states.

3 Logrolling

Logrolling is also known as birling. It originated in the northwestern United States. In logrolling, two people stand on opposite sides of a log in a river or another body of water. One log roller starts moving the log by walking, while the other tries to stay balanced. The first person to fall off the log and into the water loses.

2 Read these sentences. Which sport is each sentence about?

- 1 It's a fairly dangerous sport.
- 2 You use your bare hands.
- 3 It started in southern California.
- 4 It is most common in the South.
- 5 The loser gets wet!

3 Discuss in small groups.

- 1 Do you consider these to be sports? Why/why not?
- 2 Which one would you like to take part in most? Why?
- 3 What unusual sports do you know of in your country?