

37 Talking about sports

To describe taking part in some sports, you use the verb "go" plus the gerund. For other sports, you use "play" plus the noun.

 **New language** "Go" and "play"

Aa Vocabulary Sports

 **New skill** Talking about sports

37.1 KEY LANGUAGE "GO" WITH A GERUND

You can make some verbs into nouns by adding "-ing" to their base forms. These are called gerunds.

"Go" changes with the subject.
She goes surfing on the weekend.
Add "-ing" to the base form of the verb.



37.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES "GO" WITH A GERUND



I **go swimming** once a week.



We don't **go fishing** at the lake.



He **goes skateboarding** twice a month.



He doesn't **go cycling** with his brothers.



Do they **go dancing** on Saturday nights?



Does she **go sailing** in the summer?



37.3 FILL IN THE GAPS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Tamara goes swimming in the sea.

4 He _____ fishing on the river.

1 We don't _____ surfing in the winter.

5 Sharon _____ dancing with her friend.

2 Do you _____ sailing on the weekend?

6 Do they _____ running every morning?

3 Tipo _____ cycling five times a week.

7 He doesn't _____ horse riding.





37.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND MATCH THE DAYS TO SAM'S SPORTS



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

37.5 KEY LANGUAGE SPELLING GERUNDS

All gerunds end in "-ing" and are formed following these simple rules.

fish
↓
go fishing
For most verbs add "-ing."

For verbs that end in "e" delete the "e."
↓
skate
↓
go skating
Then add "-ing."

For single syllable verbs ending in a consonant + vowel + consonant...
↓
swim
↓
go swimming
...double the final consonant and add "-ing."



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37.6 FIND NINE HIDDEN WORDS AND WRITE THEM IN THE CORRECT GROUP

G L G P A O Q **S A I L I N G** G N M Y L F I C
M F S K A T I N G O F I F N B Z F O Y W M Y
S K A T E B O A R D I N G A S E B L A R S C
C J V X N Y A S N O W B O A R D I N G F L L
A L M H J H I B I S H O R S E R I D I N G I
W V S Q T X G Z X G N S R U N N I N G O B N
Q R B U K C S W I M M I N G K G U D Q S S G
S H O P P I N G X B A C Z W O V M D F P I Y

REGULAR GERUNDS:

- 1 sailing
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

GERUNDS WITH DOUBLE CONSONANTS:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

GERUNDS WITH DROPPED "E":

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____



37.7 KEY LANGUAGE "PLAY" WITH A NOUN

For some sports, especially ball games and competitions, you use "play" with the noun.



"Play" changes, depending on the subject.

The noun is placed after the verb.

They **play tennis** on Sundays.



37.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES "PLAY" WITH A NOUN



I don't **play tennis** in winter.



Sala **plays golf** on Tuesday mornings.



He **plays baseball** for the town.



Do Ben and Si **play chess** together?



Does Dani **play hockey** on Mondays?



We don't **play badminton** any more.



37.9 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

I ~~plays~~ / **play** football in the park.

- 1 Shala ~~don't~~ / **doesn't play** tennis.
- 2 Mina **plays** / **play** golf at the club.
- 3 We **plays** / **play** squash on Mondays.
- 4 The dog **plays** / **play** with its ball.
- 5 Maria ~~don't~~ / **doesn't play** tennis.
- 6 The kids ~~don't~~ / **doesn't play** games at school.
- 7 They **play** / **plays** soccer at the park.



37.10 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

He ~~don't play~~ hockey in the summer.

He doesn't play hockey in the summer.

- 1 We **plays** tennis every Tuesday night.

- 2 They ~~doesn't play~~ golf during the week.

- 3 You ~~doesn't play~~ volleyball at the beach.

- 4 Do they **plays** together every Saturday?





37.11 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Who plays squash on Mondays and Fridays?

James ☒ Sara ☐ Chas ☐ Cassie ☐

1 Who plays golf?

James ☐ Sara ☐ Chas ☐ Cassie ☐

2 Who goes running in the park?

James ☐ Sara ☐ Chas ☐ Cassie ☐

3 Who goes swimming on Thursdays?

James ☐ Sara ☐ Chas ☐ Cassie ☐

4 Who plays badminton?

James ☐ Sara ☐ Chas ☐ Cassie ☐

YOUR SPORTS

Littleton's Sports Scene

Some local residents tell us about their sports routines

I go to Belgrade Sports. It's a great place to exercise. I play squash on Mondays and Fridays.
JAMES

I love Highfields Sports. I go swimming five days a week, from Monday to Friday. I play golf on Saturdays and I play tennis on Sundays. I really like it there!
SARA

Lots of my friends go to the park and some of them play football there. I go running there. It's great.
CHAS

I like badminton and skating. I can do both at Littleton Sports. I go swimming there on Tuesdays and Fridays because there's a nice pool, and I play football on Wednesdays.
CASSIE



37.12 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, USING "GO" OR "PLAY" AND THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

I go dancing (dance) with my friends on Mondays.

3 Imelda _____ (horse ride) once a month.

1 Milo and I _____ (cycle) in the park on Saturdays.

4 Luther _____ (fish) during his vacation time.

2 The team _____ (football) from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays.

5 Hannah _____ (tennis) with her cousin on Monday evenings.

37 CHECKLIST

⚙️ "Go" and "play" ☐

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🧑 Talking about sports ☐