

Recent Personal Experience

Task 1: Watching Sports

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening for the GESE 5.

You are going to hear a talk about watching sports. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. I will ask you six questions on some facts about watching sports. Are you ready?

Audio Script

Watching sports is a favourite type of entertainment for many people. Have you ever thought about why? Here are reasons why people might enjoy watching sports. Watching sports might make them feel that they belong and connect with other people that like the same types of sport. They get to experience success and failure by watching their favourite teams and players win and lose, without having to risk anything. Watching sports provides certain benefits to the sport fan. It can help a person relax, forget about their problems and responsibilities. It is also a tradition to follow a particular sport or sport team because their family members or friends are all fans. We can see all of this true in the most popular sport in the world, known as Football in Europe and Soccer in the United States. Within Europe, Africa, America and Asia there exist 3.5 billion (three billion five-hundred million) fans.

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Now let's look at the questions again, but with the possible answers.

This is the end of the listening task.

Questions & Answers:

| 1 | How can watching sports make you feel? | They belong / connect with other people |
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| 2 | What do we get to experience by watching sports? | success / failure |
| 3 | What are the benefits of watching sports? | Relax / forget their problems and responsibility |
| 4 | Why is watching sports like a tradition for many people? | Family members or friends are fans |
| 5 | What is the name of the most popular sport in the world? | football (in Europe) / soccer (in the United States) |





| 6 | How many fans does the most popular sport in the world have? | 3.5 billion / three billion five-hundred million (fans) | |
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