

sport

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1. [spɔ:t] *n*
 - 1) спорт, спортивные игры
athletic sports - атлетика
sport shirt [equipment, shoes] - спортивная рубашка [-ое оборудование, -ая обувь]
to go in for sports - заниматься спортом
 - 2) *pl* спортивные соревнования
inter-university sports - междууниверситетские соревнования
2. любительская охота, рыбная ловля
to have good sport - хорошо поохотиться
3. забава, развлечение, игра, потеха
for sport's sake - для забавы, ради шутки
what sport! - вот потеха!
the children thought it great sport to dress up as pirates - детям очень нравилось наряжаться пиратами
4. шутка, проделка; насмешка
to say smth. in sport - сказать что-л. шутки ради
to make sport of smb. - высмеивать кого-л., потешаться /подшучивать/ над кем-л.
5. *книжн.* посмешище, объект шуток, насмешек
to become the sport of fortune - стать игрушкой судьбы
to be the sport of circumstances - быть жертвой обстоятельств
6. *амер.*
 - 1) спортсмен
 - 2) человек, обладающий моральными качествами, присущими хорошему спортсмену
he's a good sport about losing - он не вешает носа /не злится/ при проигрыше
7. *разг.*
 - 1) молодчина, молодчага; парень что надо; отличный парень
be a sport! - будь человеком!
he's a good sport! - он парень что надо!
 - 2) друг, приятель (*обращение*)
come on, sport! - ну давай, друг!
now lay off, sport! - ты это брось, приятели
8. *амер.* азартный игрок (*в карты, на скачках и т. п.*)
9. *амер. разг.* щёголь, стилига; кутила
◇ sport of kings - а) скачки; б) *уст.* соколиная охота; в) (королевская) охота

2. [spɔ:t] *v*
 1. *разг.* выставлять напоказ; щеголять (*чем-л.*)
to sport a diamond ring [medals] - выставлять напоказ бриллиантовое кольцо [медали]
to sport one's learning - щеголять эрудицией
 2. *книжн.* резвиться
lambs sporting in the meadow - ягнята, резвящиеся на лугу
the children sported upon the shore - дети играли на берегу
 3. (with) шутить, высмеивать
he's sporting with us! - он смеётся над нами!
sporting with things he can't understand - издеваясь над тем, чего он не в силах понять
 4. заниматься спортом, спортивными играми, охотой *и т. п.*
 5. транжирить, тратить сорить, швыряться (*деньгами и т. п.*; *часто* sport away)
◇ to sport one's oak - *унив. жарг.* не принимать, отказывать гостям

II

1. [spɔ:t] *n бот.*
спорт, почковая мутация
2. [spɔ:t] *v бот.*
мутировать, давать почковую мутацию

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sport [sport sports sported sporting] *noun, verb* BrE [spɔ:t] ^u NAmE [spɔ:t] ^u

noun



1. **uncountable** (BrE) (**NAmE sports plural**) activity that you do for pleasure and that needs physical effort or skill, usually done in a special area and according to fixed rules
 - There are excellent facilities for sport and recreation.
 - I'm not interested in sport.

• the use of drugs in sport

2. countable a particular form of **sport**

• What's your favourite sport?

• **team/water sports**

• a sports club

see also ↑**blood sport**, ↑**field sports**, ↑**spectator sport**, ↑**winter sports**

3. countable (AustralE, NZE, informal) used as a friendly way of addressing sb, especially a man

• How are you doing, sport?

• Good on you, sport!

4. uncountable (formal) enjoyment or fun

• The comments were only made **in sport**.

• to **make sport of** (= to joke about) **sb/sth**

5. countable (biology) a plant or an animal that is different in a noticeable way from its usual type

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'pastime, entertainment'): shortening of ↑**disport**.

Culture:

sport and fitness

The British are very fond of sport, but many people prefer to watch rather than take part. Many go to watch ↑**football**, ↑**cricket**, etc. at the ground, but many more sit at home and watch sport on television.

Most people today take relatively little general **exercise**. Over the last 30 or 40 years **lifestyles** have changed considerably and many people now travel even the shortest distances by car or bus. Lack of exercise combined with eating too many **fatty** and sugary foods has meant that many people are becoming too fat. Experts are particularly concerned that children spend a lot of their free time watching television or playing computer games instead of being physically active. In recent years, however, there has been a growing interest in **fitness** among young adults and many belong to a **sports club** or **gym**.

In Britain most towns have an amateur football and cricket team, and people also have opportunities to play sports such as tennis and ↑**golf**. Older people may play ↑**bowls**. Some people go regularly to a **sports centre** or **leisure centre** where there are **facilities** for playing **badminton** and **squash**, and also a swimming pool. Some sports centres arrange classes in **aerobics**, **step** and **keep-fit**. Some people **work out** (= train hard) regularly at a local gym and do **weight training** and **circuit training**. A few people do judo or other **martial arts**. Others **go running** or **jogging** in their local area. For enthusiastic runners there are opportunities to take part in long-distance runs, such as the ↑**London marathon**. Other people keep themselves fit by walking or **cycling**. Many people go abroad on a **skiing** holiday each year and there are several dry slopes and snowdomes in Britain where they can practise.

Membership of a sports club or gym can be expensive and not everyone can afford the **subscription**. Local sports centres are generally cheaper. **Evening classes** are also cheap and offer a wide variety of fitness activities ranging from yoga to jazz dancing. Some companies now provide sports **facilities** for their employees or contribute to the cost of joining a gym.

Sports play an important part in American life. Professional ↑**baseball** and football games attract large crowds, and many people watch games on television. Although many parents complain about their children being **couch potatoes** (= people who spend a lot of time watching television), there are sports sessions at school for all ages. College students are usually also required to take physical education classes to complete their studies.

Many popular keep-fit activities began in the US. Charles **Atlas**, Arnold Schwarzenegger and others inspired people to take up **bodybuilding** (= strengthening and shaping the muscles). Many women joined the 'fitness craze' as a result of **video workouts** produced by stars such as Jane Fonda and Cindy Crawford which they could watch and take part in at home. New **fitness** books are continually being published and these create fashions for new types of exercise, such as **wave aerobics**, which is done in a swimming pool, and **cardio kick-boxing**, a form of **aerobics** which involves **punching** and kicking a **punchbag**. Many richer people employ their own **personal trainer**, either at home or at a **fitness centre**, to direct their exercise programme. Local ↑**YMCA**s offer programmes which include aerobics, gym, running, weights, **treadmills** and rowing machines, as well as steam rooms and swimming. But many people just walk or jog in the local park or play informal games of baseball or football.

Thesaurus:

sport noun

1. U (BrE) (AmE **sports**)

• facilities for sport and recreation

exercise • **workout** • **aerobics** • |BrE **PE** • |AmE **P. E.** •

do sport/exercises/a workout/aerobics/PE

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• skiing, skating and other winter sports

game •

play/take part in a sport/game

team sports/games

Example Bank:

• He does a lot of sport.

• I need to take up a sport to get fit.

• In the 1960s, the Soviet Union dominated the sport of gymnastics.

• In theory, basketball is a non-contact sport.

• She has a real passion for sport/sport.

• Sports coverage in the local newspaper is good.

- The council has allocated an extra £11 million to a new community sports club.
- We encourage the children to get involved in sport/sports.
- We played sports together when we were kids.
- a campaign to promote sport/sports among women
- a campaign to promote the sport among young people
- government funding for sports programmes/programs for girls and women
- popular field sports such as football
- sports betting on the Internet
- the construction of a new \$250-million sports arena
- the inherent dangers of adventure sports such as mountaineering
- the school sports day
- the sport of boxing
- Did you do any sport at school?
- Did you play any sports in high school?
- Do you do a lot of sport?
- I'm not interested in sport.
- Which is the country's most popular spectator sport?
- skiing, skating and other winter sports
- sports shoes

Idiom: †a sport

verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to have or wear sth in a proud way

Syn: †wear

- to sport a beard
- She was sporting a T-shirt with the company's logo on it.

2. **intransitive** + **adv./prep.** (*literary*) to play in a happy and lively way

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sport
	BrE /sɒ:t/
	NAme /sɔ:rt/
he / she / it	sports
	BrE /sɒ:ts/
	NAme /sɔ:rts/
past simple, past participle	sported
	BrE /sɒ:tɪd/
	NAme /sɔ:rtɪd/
-ing form	sporting
	BrE /sɒ:tɪŋ/
	NAme /sɔ:rtɪŋ/

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late Middle English (in the sense 'pastime, entertainment'): shortening of †disport.

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1. **sport**¹ **S2 W2** /sɒt/\$sɔrt BrE¹ AmE¹ noun

[**Word Family:** adjective: †sporting, †unsporting, †sporty; verb: †sport; noun: †sport]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Origin:** disport]

1. GAMES

- a) [countable] a physical activity in which people compete against each other:

- My favourite sports are tennis and swimming.
- a sports team
- All students are encouraged to take part in a sport.
- He picked up the newspaper and turned to the sports pages.

- b) [uncountable] *British English* sports in general:

- Why is there so much sport on TV?
- I always hated sport at school.

GRAMMAR

The uncountable use of **sport** is British English only:

- I'm not interested in sport. In American English, the plural **sports** is used:
- He likes watching sports on TV.

2. **HUNTING** [countable] an activity that people do in the countryside, especially hunting or fishing:

- the sport of falconry
- a demonstration by people opposed to blood sports (=sports that involve killing animals)

3. **HELPFUL PERSON** [countable usually singular] (also **good sport**) *old-fashioned* a helpful cheerful person who lets you enjoy yourself

be a sport (=used when asking someone to help you)

- Be a sport and lend me your bike.

4. **a good sport** someone who does not get angry when they lose at a game or sport

5. **a bad/poor sport** someone who gets angry very easily when they lose at a game or sport
6. **MAN/BOY spoken**
 - a) **Australian English** used when speaking to someone, especially a man, in a friendly way:
" See you later, sport."
 - b) **American English old-fashioned** used when speaking to a boy in a friendly way
7. **FUN [uncountable] old-fashioned** fun or amusement:
" Did she torment him merely for sport?"
8. **make sport of somebody old-fashioned** to joke about someone in a way that makes them seem stupid
⇒ ↑field sports, ↑water sports, ↑winter sports

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **play (a) sport** My ambition was to play sport at the highest level.
- **take part in (a) sport** Students are encouraged to take part in a sport of some kind.
- **do sport** *British English*, **do sports** *American English* I did a lot of sport at school.
- **take up a sport (=start doing it)** I took up the sport six years ago.
- **compete in a sport (=do that sport in competitions)** She competed in various sports when she was young.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + sport

- **a team sport** I liked playing team sports such as football and rugby.
- **an individual sport** You have to be mentally tough to compete in individual sports.
- **a spectator sport (=one that people enjoy watching)** Football is the most popular spectator sport.
- **competitive sport(s) (=in which people compete and try to win)** Competitive sport teaches valuable lessons which last for life.
- **a contact sport (=one in which players have physical contact with each other)** People get hurt in contact sports, but they also have fun.
- **a winter sport (=skiing, ice skating etc)** More and more people are taking up winter sports.
- **an extreme sport (=one that is dangerous)** Many teenagers are attracted to extreme sports such as snowboarding.
- **professional sport(s) (=which people are paid to do)** The kind of money involved in professional sport makes cheating inevitable.
- **a minority sport (=one that very few people do)** Minority sports rarely feature on TV.

■ sports + NOUN

- **a sports team** A lot of schools have their own sports teams.
- **a sports club** She joined her local sports club.
- **a sports field/ground** The village has its own sports field.
- **a sports event** Is this country able to stage a major sports event?
- **a sports fan (=someone who enjoys watching sport)** He was a big sports fan.
- **a sports personality (=someone who is famous for playing sport)** The event will be opened by a well-known sports personality.
- **sports facilities** All our holiday camps have wonderful sports facilities.
- **sports equipment** a new online store selling all kinds of sports equipment
- **a sports injury** The clinic specializes in treating sports injuries.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**make (a) sport**'. Say **do (a) sport** or **play (a) sport**

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THESAURUS

■ places where people do sport

- **field** (also **pitch** *British English*) a large area of ground, usually covered with grass, where team sports are played: A few kids were playing on the football field. | a hockey field
- **stadium** a large sports field with seats all around it for people to watch team sports or track and field competitions: The atmosphere in the Olympic Stadium was amazing. | a football stadium
- **ground** *British English* a sports field and the seats and buildings around it, belonging to a particular football, rugby, or cricket team: I met my friends inside the ground.
- **ballpark/park** *American English* a stadium where baseball is played: Busch Stadium is one of the newest ballparks in Major League.
- **court** an area with lines painted on the ground, for tennis, badminton, basketball, or volleyball: The hotel has four tennis courts and a volleyball court.
- **diamond** the area in a baseball field that is within the shape formed by the four bases. The **diamond** can also be the whole field: The pitcher stands in the middle of the diamond. | There's a playground, a picnic area, and a baseball diamond.
- **track** a circular path with lines on it, for running on: In the relay, each runner runs once around the track.
- **gym** a room with machines which you can use to do exercises: He spends an hour in the gym every day.
- **pool/swimming pool** a place where you can swim: He jumped into the deep end of the pool. | I'll meet you outside the swimming pool.
- **sports centre** *British English*, **sports center** *American English* a building where you can play many types of indoor sports: Why not do exercise classes at your local sports centre?
- **health club** a small sports centre, where you pay to be a member: How much does it cost to join a health club?

II. sport² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² *verb*

[Word Family: adjective: ↑sporting, ↑unsporting, ↑sporty; verb: ↑sport; noun: ↑sport]

1. **be sporting something** to be wearing something or have something on your body and show it to people in a proud way:
" Eric was sporting a new camelhair coat."
2. **[intransitive] literary** to play together happily:
" the sight of dolphins sporting amidst the waves"

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