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When we write an email about our favourite sport, we use informal language. (see p. 48)

- We start our email with a greeting (Hey,) and our friend's first name, our opening remarks and the name of the sport.
- Then we write about the sport (when/how often we play it, who we play it with).
- We also write why we like this sport and what equipment we need to play this sport.
- In the last paragraph, we write our closing remarks (Write back soon.).
- We sign off our email with Best wishes, etc and our first name.

Rubric analysis

SAMPLE

- 1 Read the task and underline the key words. Then answer the questions.

This is part of an email from your English-speaking friend.

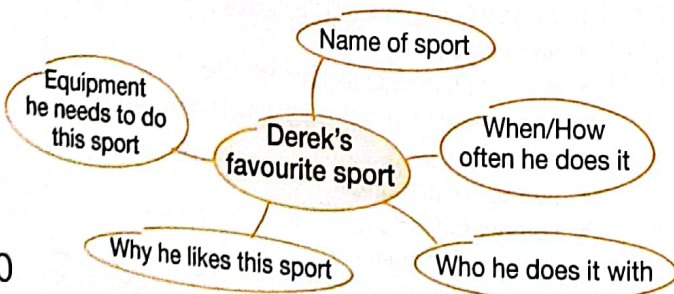
What's your favourite sport? How often do you do it? Who do you do it with? Why do you like it so much? What equipment do you need? Write and tell me all about it!
Harry

Write your email (100-120 words).

- 1 Who are you going to write to?
- 2 What kind of text are you going to write?
- 3 What are you going to write about?
- 4 How many words are you going to write?

Model analysis

- 2 a) Read the model. What reasons does Derek give to explain why he likes cycling?
b) Copy the spidergram into your notebooks. Read the model and complete it.



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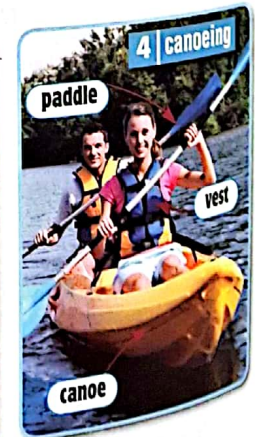
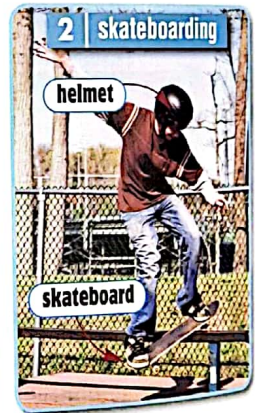
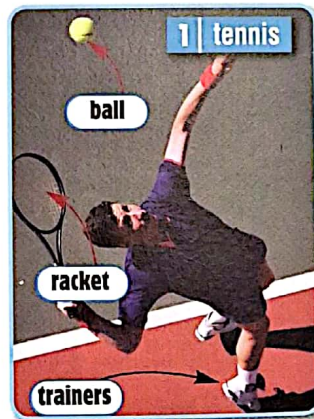
Hi, Harry,
How are things? Hope everything is going well. Have you got a favourite sport? I'm a big fan of cycling. I usually go cycling at the weekends, when I've got more free time to enjoy it. I often go cycling on my own, but sometimes a group of my friends get together and we cycle somewhere out of the city. It's a great feeling just hitting the road and seeing where it leads!

I love cycling so much! I get to visit lots of different places and it also keeps me fit. Actually, there's no need to go to the gym after a day of cycling! Also it's a very cheap sport. All you need is a bike and a helmet!

What about you? Are you interested in sport? Write and let me know. Have to go now.

Best wishes,
Derek

- 3 Look at the pictures. Make sentences.



1 To play tennis, you need a ...

Writing tip Supporting your opinion

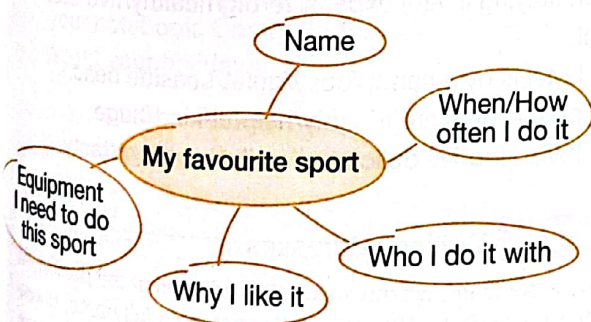
Always justify your opinion with supporting ideas.
 Football is great. my opinion
 It's good to be part of a team. supporting idea

4 Read and choose the best supporting sentences.

- 1 Skiing is difficult.
 - a It takes a lot of practice to become good at it.
 - b My dad doesn't like it.
- 2 I think tennis is wonderful.
 - a My best friend plays tennis, too.
 - b It helps me keep fit and I meet new people.
- 3 Skateboarding is very exciting.
 - a It's a very cheap sport.
 - b I love the feeling of speed and freedom it gives me.
- 4 I'm crazy about canoeing.
 - a It's a great way to keep fit and enjoy the outdoors.
 - b Canoes are expensive.

Your turn

- 5 a) **Brainstorming:** Copy the spidergram into your notebook. Complete it with information about your favourite sport.



- b) **Task:** Use the rubric in Ex. 1 to write an email to your English-speaking friend about your favourite sport. Use your ideas from Ex. 5a and phrases from the Useful Language box. Follow the plan.

Useful Language

Opening remarks

How are you?/How's everything?/Hope everything is going well.

Introducing your favourite sport

- I'm a big fan of ... /I'm crazy about ... /I just love ...
- My favourite sport is ...
- When I have some free time, I really like ... (*playing basketball/doing karate, etc.*)
- I want to tell you about my favourite sport, ...

Giving details about your sport

When/How often

- I usually/often/always, etc (*play football, etc*) at the weekends/in the evenings/after school, etc.
- I only (*go bowling/play basketball, etc*) when I have some free time.

Who with

- Sometimes, my sister/friend, etc comes with me.
- My friends/brothers, etc sometimes (*play basketball/go skateboarding, etc*) with me.

Giving reasons why you like your sport

- I'm a big fan of/I'm crazy about (*karate*) because ...
- I (*really*) love/enjoy/like (*cycling*) because (*it's a great way to keep fit, etc*).
- (*Football*) is my favourite sport because it ...

Talking about equipment

You don't need much equipment to (*go cycling*) – just ... /To (*play basketball*), you need ...

Closing remarks

Hope to hear from you soon./Have to go now./
Write back soon./Write and let me know.

Plan

- Greeting + (your friend's first name),
 (Para 1) opening remarks, name of sport
 (Para 2) details about sport (when/how often, who with)
 (Para 3) why you like this sport, the equipment you need
 (Para 4) closing remarks
 sign off,
 (your first name)

Checklist

When you finish your email, check the following:

- opening, closing remarks
- capital letters, punctuation and linkers
- word order
- opinion, supporting ideas, number of paragraphs
- number of words
- spelling and grammar