

Did you see the game?

- Talking about sporting events
- Changing the subject

1 | Vocabulary

A Complete the article with the correct words in the box.

close
ejected
blowout
overtime
quarter
referee
shot
half-time
outscored
tied

The Day in Sports by Kara Lee

Last night's basketball game between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers was a thriller! With ten seconds left in the game, the score was _____. The Lakers attempted a _____ at the basket but missed it. The game then went into _____, and the Celtics _____ the Lakers and won the ballgame.

The game between the New York Knicks and Miami Heat last night wasn't nearly as _____ as the Celtics-Lakers game. During the first _____, Miami's best player was _____ from the game for arguing with the _____. At _____, the score was close, but the Knicks ended up getting a _____ win, with a final score of 121–98.

In World Cup news, Brazil defeated Germany with just one goal scored in

B PAIR WORK Would you rather watch your favorite team win in a blowout or a close game? Why?

2 | Conversation

CD2 **33 A** Listen. What kind of game is Robert talking about? What is Tristan talking about?

Robert: Did you see the match?

Tristan: The match? What match?

Robert: Uh...the World Cup? The biggest soccer tournament in the world? Brazil was incredible!

Tristan: Oh? That's great. So, do you know what kind of car that is?

Robert: Uh, not sure. So yeah, it was a really close match. At the end of the second half, the score was tied, so the match went into overtime. Then Brazil had this penalty kick, and...

Tristan: Did they? Speaking of overtime, did I mention how much I've been working lately?

B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation.

CD2 **34 C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.



3 | Language Booster

A Notice the ways we talk about sporting events and change the subject.

Talking about sporting events

Did you see the game?
Who were you rooting for?
It was a blowout.
It went into overtime.
It was incredible!

Changing the subject

So yeah, (it was a really close match).
Speaking of (overtime, I've been working so much).
So anyway, I've had a lot of work.
That reminds me,

B PAIR WORK Take turns starting a conversation about a sporting event and changing the subject.

Example:

A: Did you see the game last night? It was incredible!

B: Oh, speaking of games, do you want to come over and play my new video game?

4 | Pronunciation Intonation to convey extreme emotion

CD2 **35 A** Listen to the sentences. Notice that the positive emotional statements end in a raised intonation, and negative emotional statements end in lowered intonation.

1. You should have seen it!

2. It was incredible!

3. Their best player was ejected!

4. My favorite team lost!

B PAIR WORK Take turns saying negative and positive emotional statements to your partner. Pay attention to your sentence intonation.

ONLINE PRACTICE

SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

A Have you been to any sports events? Write down any sports events you've been to or have seen on TV. Write down why it was memorable.

B PAIR WORK Take turns describing the event you wrote above or other event to your partner.

