

Lesson 29: I run quickly
レッスン 29: 私は早く走ります

Target: Talking about sports using adverbs
目的: 副詞を使ってスポーツについて話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• do boxing	ボクシングをする	• accurately	正確に
• professionally	職業的に	• creatively	独創的に
• a trainer	訓練する人	• get injured	けがをする
• react	反応する	• chant	詠唱する
• do one's best	最善を尽くす	• pitch	投げる
• arrogantly	横柄に	• swing	振る
• calmly	落ち着いて	• used to (verb)	昔は～していた
• all through	～を通してずっと	• bowl	〔クリケットで〕投球する
• pass	パスする	• physical	身体の

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Hi. I'm Andy, and I love sports. My favorite sports are boxing, rugby, baseball and cricket. I like playing sports, but I prefer watching sports.

I did boxing in high-school, but never professionally. Boxing is pretty tough. My trainer always shouted at me loudly, and he reacted angrily if I didn't do my best. My favorite boxers are Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao. Floyd is from Michigan in America. He always fights very well, but he sometimes boxes unprofessionally. He also talks arrogantly before all his fights. Manny Pacquiao is from the Philippines. He always acts very calmly and professionally. Manny always fights well and I cheer loudly when I watch him on TV.

I'm from New Zealand, so I love rugby. I played rugby all through school and university, but I never played well. I can't run quickly or tackle hard. My favorite player is Dan Carter. He is from my home town, Southbridge. My whole family watches seriously when New Zealand play rugby. Dan Carter is a great player. He can kick and pass accurately, and he plays the game very creatively. I hope he never gets seriously injured!

I don't live in New Zealand now. I live in Yokohama, Japan. People in Japan love baseball. They always chant and shout noisily when baseball is on TV. I tried baseball, but I can't play well. It's difficult. I pitched very softly and swung the bat nervously. My favorite player is Ichiro Suzuki. He played right field for the Seattle Mariners until 2012, when he moved to the New York Yankees. He can throw the ball very quickly, because he used to be a pitcher. Also, he can run very fast, so he steals a lot of bases.

My friends love playing cricket. I play cricket sometimes, but I'm not very good. My friends are much better than me. I can bat OK, but I can't bowl very well. Also, I'm not a very good fielder. I can't run very fast, and I can't throw the ball very far. I prefer watching cricket on TV than playing it. My favorite team is the Black Caps. They are the New Zealand national cricket team. They are a very good team. They all bat very well, they can run really fast and they always play the game very professionally. My friends all want to play cricket players when they grow up, but not me, I'd rather do something a little less physical.

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Answer the questions below

1. Did Andy box professionally?
2. Does Manny Pacquiao act calmly before his fights?
3. Can Andy run quickly?
4. Who plays rugby very creatively?
5. Do Japanese people chant noisily when baseball is on TV?
6. Can Andy bowl well?
7. Do the Black Caps bat well?
8. How many adverbs can you find?

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