

Word on the Street

Sport Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Choose the correct expression to complete each sentence.

- Ash and Stephen are getting ready for ...
 - a tennis competition.
 - a half marathon.
 - a swimming competition.
- The aim of the marathon is ...
 - to help people get fit.
 - to find the fastest runner.
 - to make money for charity.
- Stephen's personal trainer promises to pay some money to charity if ...
 - Ash finishes the marathon.
 - Stephen finishes the marathon.
 - both Ash and Stephen finish the marathon.

Activity 2

Watch the beginning of the video again. Write down the correct words to complete Ash and Stephen's conversation.

Stephen: Ah, this is _____.

Ash: You _____ a tennis racket.

Stephen: What _____?

Ash: Stephen, _____ cricket.
You _____ cricket bat.

Stephen: What's this?

Ash: I've _____! Come on. We need the running section.

Activity 3

'Unless' means 'If ... not'. For example, Stephen says, 'You're not going to finish the race **unless** you start training hard.' This means 'You're not going to finish the race **if** you **don't** start training hard.'

Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- I can't help you if you don't tell me what the problem is.
= I can't help you unless _____ what the problem is.
- If I don't find a job soon, I'll have to sell the car.
= Unless I _____ soon, I'll have to sell the car.
- You can't study medicine here if you didn't do chemistry and biology at school.
= You can't study medicine here unless _____ at school.
- If the weather doesn't improve, I'm afraid we'll have to cancel the barbecue.
= Unless _____, I'm afraid we'll have to cancel the barbecue.

Discussion

- How do you like to keep fit?
- Have you ever participated in a race

to raise money for charity?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

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Answers

Activity 1

1. b) a half marathon.
2. c) to make money for charity.
3. a) Ash finishes the marathon.

Activity 2

Stephen: Ah, this is what I need.

Ash: You don't need a tennis racket.

Stephen: What about this?

Ash: Stephen, you never play cricket. You certainly don't need a cricket bat.

Stephen: What's this?

Ash: I've got no idea! Come on. We need the running section.

Activity 3

1. I can't help you if you don't tell me what the problem is. = I can't help you unless you tell me what the problem is.
2. If I don't find a job soon, I'll have to sell the car. = Unless I find a job soon, I'll have to sell the car.
3. You can't study medicine here if you didn't do chemistry and biology at school. = You can't study medicine here unless you did chemistry and biology at school.
4. If the weather doesn't improve, I'm afraid we'll have to cancel the barbecue. = Unless the weather improves, I'm afraid we'll have to cancel the barbecue.