

Spanish

Talking about sports [3/3]

Reading and listening practice

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Fonética

Many words in Spanish have stress on the penultimate syllable (the second-to-last syllable), for example:

escalada

remo

boxeo

patinaje

Some of these words with a stress on the penultimate syllable have an **accent**. However, this is only the case if the last letter is NOT a **vowel (a, e, i, o, u)**, an **'n'** or an **'s'**.

fácil

móvil

fútbol



Practise pronouncing words 1-9 and write down the words which require an accent on the penultimate syllable based on the rule below:

1. el tenis
2. la casa
3. el album
4. el problema
5. el lider
6. verde
7. el mapa
8. dificil
9. la fruta

If the stress is on the penultimate syllable, ***and*** the word ***doesn't*** end in a **vowel** or **-n**, or **-s**, then it will have an **accent** on the penultimate syllable.

WITH
ACCENTS:
3. El álbum
5. El líder
8. Difícil



Reading comprehension

Soy hinchista del fútbol. Me apasiona el deporte. Los deportes que me aburren mucho son hacer remo y tirar con arco. Para mí, son muy sosos. Prefiero jugar al fútbol. Suelo jugar los fines de semana. Siempre quiero batir a otros equipos. En el pasado lo encontraba difícil marcar un gol es más fácil dado que ahora entreno dos veces a la semana. Por eso, casi cada partido marco un gol.

1. Which sport are they a fan of and why?
2. Which sports bore them and why?
3. How often do they practise football?
4. What do they always want to do?
5. What did they find it difficult to do in the past?
6. How often do they train now?
7. What do they do nearly every game now?



1. Which sport are they a fan of and why?

Football, because they are passionate about it.

2. Which sports bore them and why?

Doing rowing and archery because they are very dull.

3. How often do they practise football?

On the weekends

4. What do they always want to do?

To beat the other teams.

5. What did they find it difficult to do in the past?

They found it difficult to score a goal.

6. How often do they train now?

Twice a week.

7. What do they do nearly every game now?

Nearly every game they score a goal.



The imperfect tense

'I used to do' = yo hacía

'I used to play' = yo jugaba

The present tense

'I do' = hagoo

'I play' = juegoo



Time phrases

The imperfect tense

cuando era pequeño/a

cuando era más joven

cuando tenía nueve años

en el pasado

a la edad de once

The present tense

ahora

ya no

