

Unit 14: What Game Do You Like?

Part I: Listen and Learn

1.

Wǒ zài dàxué niàn shū.

I study at a university.

我在大學唸書。

Wǒ hěn xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng, yīnwèi yùndòng duì shēntǐ yǒu hǎochù.

I like sports very much, because doing exercise is good for the health.

我很喜歡體育運動，因為運動對身體有好處。

Wǒ xǐhuān pǎobù, yóuyǒng, dǎ lánqiú.

I like jogging, swimming and playing basketball.

我喜歡跑步，游泳，打籃球。

Wǒ yóuyǒng yóu de hén hǎo, kěshǐ lánqiú dǎ de bù hǎo.

I swim very well, but basketball, (I) don't play it well.

我游泳游得很好，可是籃球打得不好。

Wǒ hái xǐhuān kàn tǐyù bǐsài.

I also like to watch (sports) games (tournaments).

我還喜歡看體育比賽。

Lánqiú, páiqiú, zúqiú, wǒ dōu xǐhuān kàn.

Basketball, volleyball, soccer, I like to watch them all.

籃球、排球、足球，我都喜歡看。

Wǒ tèbié xǐhuān kàn gánlǎnqiú bǐsài.

I particularly like to watch football games.

我特別喜歡橄欖球比賽。

Měiguó gánlǎnqiú hén yǒu yìsi.

American football is very interesting.

橄欖球很有意思。

2.

Wǒ shì cóng Zhōngguó lái de.

I came from China.

我是從中國來的。

Wǒ yě xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng, yīnwèi bú yùndòng duì shēntǐ bù hǎo.

I like sports too, because not doing exercise is not good for the health.

我也喜歡體育運動，因為不運動對身體不好。

Wǒ huì dǎ pīngpāngqiú, páiqiú, yě huì tī zúqiú.

I can play table-tennis, volleyball. I can also play soccer.

我會打乒乓球、排球，也會踢足球。

Pīngpāngqiú wǒ dǎ de búcuò, kěshì zúqiú tī de bú tài hǎo.

I play table-tennis well, but I don't play soccer very well.

乒乓球我打得不錯，可足球踢得不太好。

Zài Měiguó wǒ bù cháng dǎ pīngpāngqiú.

In the U.S. I don't play table tennis very often.

在美國我不常打乒乓球。

Wǒ bú tài xǐhuān Měiguó de gǎnlǎnqiú.

I don't like American football that much.

我不太喜歡美國的橄欖球。

Búguò, wǒ chángcháng kàn gǎnlǎnqiú bǐsài.

However, I often watch football games.

不過，我常常看橄欖球比賽。

3.

A: John, nǐ jīngcháng yùndòng ma?

A: John, do you often do exercises?

A: John, 你經常運動嗎？

B: Shìde, wǒ měitiān dōu duànliàn shēntǐ.

B: Yes, I do physical exercises every day.

B: 是的，我每天都鍛煉身體。

A: Nǐ píngcháng zuò shénme yùndòng?

A: What exercises do you usually do?

A: 你平常作什麼運動？

B: Wǒ měitiān pǎobù. Yǒude shíhòu dǎ wǎngqiú.

B: I jog every day. Sometimes, I play tennis.

B: 我每天跑步。有的時候打網球。

A: Nǐ wǎngqiú dǎ de zěnmeyàng?

A: How well do you play tennis?

A: 你網球打得怎麼樣？

B: Mǎmahūhu. Nǐ huì bu huì dǎ wǎngqiú?

B: So-so. Can you play tennis?

B: 馬馬虎虎。你會不會打網球？

A: Huì.

A: Yes.

A: 會。

B: Wǒmen shénme shíhòu yìqǐ qù dǎ wǎngqiú, hǎo bu hǎo?

B: Let's go to play tennis some time together, OK?

B: 我們什麼時候一起去打網球，好不好？

A: Tài hǎo le.

A: That's terrific.

A: 太好了。

4.

A: Lǐ xiānsheng, nǐ xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng ma?

A: Mr. Li, Do you like sports?

A: 李先生，你喜歡體育運動嗎？

B: Hěn xǐhuān.

B: Very much.

B: 很喜歡。

A: Īhuān shénme?

A: What do you like?

A: 喜歡什麼？

B: Gánlǎnqiú. Wǒmen jiālǐ rén dōu xǐhuān gánlǎnqiú.

B: Football. My family members all like football.

B: 橄欖球。我們家裡人都喜歡橄欖球。

A: Nǐ chángcháng dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú ma?

A: Do you often play football?

A: 你常常打橄欖球嗎？

B: Bù dǎ. Wǒ bú huì dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú.

B: No. I don't know how to play football.

B: 不打。我不會打橄欖球。

A: Nà, nǐ zěnme shuō nǐ xǐhuān gǎnlǎnqiú ne?

A: Then, how come that you said you liked football?

A: 那，你怎麼說你喜歡橄欖球呢？

B: Wǒ shì shuō wǒ xǐhuān kàn gǎnlǎnqiú bǐsài.

B: What I am saying is I like to watch football games.

B: 我是說我喜歡看橄欖球比賽。

B: Wǒ méiyǒu shuō wǒ xǐhuān dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú.

B: I didn't say that I liked to play football.

B: 我沒有說我喜歡打橄欖球。

A: Wǒ dǒng le.

A: I see.

A: 我懂了。

Part II: Utterances and Notes

- 'tǐyù' and 'yùndòng' literally mean 'sports and physical exercises (movements)'.
- Pay attention to the verb 'play' in Chinese. When a ball game is played, the verb 'dǎ' is usually used. The verb for the soccer is 'tī' (to kick).
- 'yùndòng' can be a noun or a verb. In 'Nǐ xǐhuan shénme yùndòng?', it is a noun, while in 'Nǐ chángcháng yùndòng ma?', it is a verb.
- 'dùanlin shēntǐ' literally means 'to cultivate the body'.

Part III: New Sentence Modules

1. Do you like sport?

Ní xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng ma?

Wǒ

xǐhuān
hén xǐhuān
fēicháng xǐhuān
bú tài xǐhuān
yìdīr dōu bù xǐhuān¹

2. What sports do you like?

Ní xǐhuān shénme yùndòng?

Wǒ Nǐ Tā	xǐhuān	kàn	lánqiú páiqiú wǎngqiú gǎnlǎnqiú pīngpāngqiú zúqiú	bísài
		dǎ		
		tī		
		pǎobù yóuyǒng		

3. Can you play...? I can(not) play...

Nǐ huì bu huì	dǎ	lánqiú páiqiú wǎngqiú gǎnlǎnqiú pīngpāngqiú	?	
				yóuyǒng
				tī zúqiú

¹ Wǒ yìdiǎr dōu bù xǐhuān means 'I don't like all'.

Wǒ huì
bú huì
bú tài huì
yīdīr dōu búhuì dǎ lánqiú
páiqiú
wǎngqiú
gánlǎnqiú
pīngpāngqiú ?

yóuyǒng

tī zúqiú

4. Can you play ... well? I can play ... very well

Nǐ lánqiú
páiqiú
pīngpāngqiú
gánlǎnqiú dǎ de hén hǎo ma?

zúqiú tī

Wǒ lánqiú
páiqiú
pīngpāngqiú
gánlǎnqiú dǎ de hén hǎo
búcuò
bú tài hǎo
mámahūhū
hái kéyǐ

zúqiú tī

5. Do you often do exercises? Yes, I often do exercises, because they are good for the health. No, I don't, because I don't like sports

Nǐ chángcháng yùndòng ma?

Shìde, wǒ chángcháng yùndòng, yīnwèi yùndòng duì shēntǐ yǒu hǎochù.
Bù, wǒ bù cháng yùndòng, yīnwèi wǒ bù xǐhūn yùndòng.

6. What kind of exercises do you usually do? I usually do...

Nǐ pícháng yìbān zuò shénme yùndòng?

Wǒ	měitiān	pǎobù
	chángcháng	dǎ wǎngqiú
	yǒude shíhou	dǎ lángqiú
	yìbān	yóuyǒng

7. Do you like to watch sports games?

Nǐ	xǐhūn kàn tǐyù bǐsài ma?
Nǐ jiālǐ rén	

Wǒ	xǐhūn	kàn tǐyù bǐsài
Wǒ jiālǐ rén dōu	bù xǐhūn	
	bú tài xǐhūn	

8. What kind of games do you like to watch?

Nǐ	xǐhuān kàn shénme bǐsài?
Nǐ jiālǐ rén	

Wǒ	xǐhuān kàn	lánqiú	bǐsài
Wǒ jiālǐ rén dōu			
		wǎngqiú	
		gánlǎnqiú	
		pīngpāngqiú	

Part IV: Practice Makes Perfect

Say the following expressions in Chinese:

basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, tennis, table-tennis, jogging, swimming
to play, to play very well, to play so-so, be able to play, be unable to play
to watch, to watch games, to watch sports games, to watch football games

How do you say the following sentences in Chinese?

I like sports.
Doing exercises is good to health.
I like jogging and swimming.
I can play table-tennis.
I don't know how to play soccer.
I play volleyball very well.
I don't play football very well.
I often go to play tennis together with my friends.

Answer the following questions in Chinese:

Ní xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng ma?
Chángcháng yùndòng duì shēntǐ yǒu hǎochù ma?
Ní xǐhuān shénme yùndòng?
Nǐ chángcháng yùndòng ma?
Nǐ yìbān zuò shénme yùndòng?
Nǐ huì bu huì dǎ lánqiú? Dǎ de zénmeyàng?
Nǐ huì bu huì dǎ pīngpāngqiú? Dǎ de zénmeyàng?
Nǐmen jiālǐ rén dōu xǐhuān kàn shénme bǐsài?
Nǐmen chángcháng kàn tǐyù bǐsài ma?

Now say the following in Chinese:

I am an American. I am learning Chinese now. I like Chinese food, because Chinese food is very delicious. I particularly like Sichuan cuisine, because it is hot and spicy. I also like sports. I can play basketball, volleyball. I can swim too. I do physical exercises every day. Sports are good for my health. My family members like to watch sports games. On Sundays they go to the church in the morning. In the afternoon they often watch basketball and football. We all like sports.