

COURSE MATERIAL: UNIT 2 COMPETITIONS

Section 84, 159

PRONUNCIATION NOTE

The pronunciation of **can** (/kæn/ or /kən/) depends on whether the word is stressed or not:-

Stressed: (short answer) Yes, I can. /kæn/

Unstressed: He said he can come tomorrow. /kən/

VOCABULARY NOTE - 1

Contest a competition, usually to test how good people are at a particular sport or activity

Marathon a race that is run over a distance of 42 kilometres, or about 26 miles

Triathlon a race that involves swimming, running and cycling

Spectators people who watch a sport

Ultimate most extreme or most important

World championship competition to find the best person or team in the world at a particular sport

VOCABULARY NOTE - 2

Note the specific names for the places where different sports are played:-

Pitch rugby, football, cricket

Field hockey, athletics

Track tennis, badminton, squash, volleyball, basketball, handball

Ice rink ice skating, ice hockey

Pool swimming, water polo

Ring boxing, wrestling

Note: A *pitch* is the area where the sport is actually played, but you can also talk about a *football stadium* or *sports stadium*, or *football / cricket / rugby ground*; these include the seating and facilities as well as the pitch. A *stadium* tends to be a larger, more important place, whereas a *ground* is where the local team plays.

VOCABULARY NOTE - 3

Combine harvester a large type of tractor used to harvest wheat

Giant very big

Referee the person who makes sure the players follow the rules in the game

Route a way of getting from one place to another

VOCABULARY NOTE - 4

Argue with disagree with and complain about a decision

Penalty area the area in front of the goal

Win every point beating your opponent on every point to score as many points as possible

VOCABULARY NOTE - 5

Some expression for discussion:

In my opinion ... / I think that ...

I don't think that ...

I disagree (with) ... / I don't agree (with) ...

It isn't true that ... / I don't believe that ...

VOCABULARY NOTE - 6

Even and *Anyway* (in dialogue 2D, 3) add emphasis to the arguments.

Even is used for emphasis before a word, to suggest that it is surprising.

- You want to join a choir? But you can't even sing!

Anyway is used to dismiss a previous point and introduce a new one.

- I don't want to come to the party. Anyway, I'm too busy to go out.

Note: **Never mind + verb or noun** is used for emphasis, often to show how extremely unlikely or impossible something is. it can be used together with *even*.

- I can't even take a photo, never mind paint a picture.

VOCABULARY NOTE - 7

Suggestion Language

We could + Verb

How about + NOUN / V.-ing

Why don't we + verb

Why not + verb

Responding to suggestions:

That's good idea.

I'm not sure that's a good idea because ...