



In-text Grammar

We can use **gerunds** after 'love', 'like', 'enjoy', 'hate' and 'dislike' to show our preferences.

eg I **enjoy cooking**, but I **hate washing** the dishes.

Brian is reading an interview in a sports magazine.

Interviewing the Greatest NBA Star

R = Reporter K = Kelvin Ryan

R: Hello, Kelvin. How's life after your retirement?

K: Basketball has always been my life. I enjoy playing it. It's a strange feeling that I don't need to practise any more. But I know I have to keep moving forward. Therefore, I've started my own business and set up a technology company with my friend since last year.

R: Can you tell us more about your decision to retire?

K: After the last injury, I tried my very best to get back to the top. But no matter how hard I practised, my condition was not as good as before. At that point, I realised it was time to say goodbye, so I started thinking about what I can do after my final season.

R: Many young people want to be outstanding basketball players. Can you give them some advice?

K: No one likes to lose. The key to winning is how much effort you are putting into what you are doing. Always remember to work hard and do your best.

R: Thanks for your inspiring words, Kelvin.



Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Kelvin Ryan is now a _____.

 A. basketball coach B. reporter C. businessman D. sports player

2. According to the interview, Kelvin Ryan is _____.

 A. proud B. hard-working C. creative D. strange**skill** 3. The school basketball team always loses in competitions. What may they do after reading the interview? A. They may set up a company like Kelvin Ryan did. B. They may study hard to become good students. C. They may pray and hope one day they can win. D. They may practise harder in order to win.**Q3**

Read Ryan's advice to young people.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

4. How does Kelvin Ryan feel about his life after retirement? Why?

He feels _____ because he _____
_____.

5. What made Kelvin Ryan choose to retire?

His _____ made him choose to retire.

6. Why is basketball important to Kelvin Ryan?

It is because he thinks basketball _____.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the interview. Change the word form when necessary.

Athletes do not like ⑦ _____ (n.) because they cannot practise or play in any competitions if they are hurt. Fortunately, modern ⑧ _____ (n.) is so advanced that it can help them recover more quickly.

Q7

The answer is a plural noun.