

Writing Task Sample

Unit 9 Embrace the chill (p.79)

My favourite winter sport

Which winter sport do you like best? Why? Write an article in about 180 words.

I am only **familiar with** winter sports through watching the Winter Olympics on television. There, I **came across** a fascinating **discipline** called a **biathlon** which you may not be familiar with.

The sport **consists of** cross-country skiing through terrain as well as rifle shooting. I was stunned by this fascinating and unusual combination. Also, I was **mesmerised** by the beauty of the trail, the snow-covered mountains and white forests that the athletes **traverse** on skis.

Most importantly, I love how the athletes have to switch between **punishing endurance sprints** and lying totally still with their rifles. You can almost hear their heavy panting. Yet if they are not completely still, they will miss a target and **be given a penalty**.

Admittedly, I would be very bad at a biathlon myself. I prefer short **jaunts** over long, harsh stress tests. I also **wouldn't know where to begin with** a rifle. Besides, I am a peace-loving person.

However, I can recommend watching a biathlon to anyone. The tension during the shooting rounds is so **palpable** that I am often on the edge of my seat. Therefore, it is probably the best winter sport, at least for **sofa-based participation**.

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