

Unit 14: What Game Do You Like?

Part I: Listen and Learn

1.

Wǒ zài dàxué niàn shū.

I study at a university.

我在大学念书。

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

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

我很喜欢体育运动，因为运动对身体有好处。

Wǒ xǐhuān pǎobù, yóuyǒng, dǎ lánqiú.

I like jogging, swimming and playing basketball.

我喜欢跑步，游泳，打篮球。

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，可是篮球打得不好。

Wǒ hái xǐhuān kàn tǐyù bǐsài.

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

我还喜欢看体育比赛。

Lánqiú, páiqiú, zúqiú, wǒ dōu xǐhuān kàn.

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

篮球、排球、足球，我都喜欢看。

Wǒ tèbié xǐhuān kàn gánlǎnqiú bǐsài.

I particularly like to watch football games.

我特别喜欢橄榄球比赛。

Měiguó gánlǎnqiú hén yǒu yìsi.

American football is very interesting.

橄榄球很有意思。

2.

Wǒ shì cóng Zhōngguó lái de.

I came from China.

我是从中国来的。

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.

我也喜欢体育运动，因为不运动对身体不好。

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

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

我会打乒乓球、排球，也会踢足球。

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.

乒乓球我打得不错，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.

在美国我不常打乒乓球。

Wǒ bú tài xǐhuān Měiguó de gǎnlǎnqiú.

I don't like American football that much.

我不太喜欢美国的橄榄球。

Búguò, wǒ chángcháng kàn gǎnlǎnqiú bǐsài.

However, I often watch football games.

不过，我常常看橄榄球比赛。

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A: John, nǐ jīngcháng yùndòng ma?

A: John, do you often do exercises?

A: John, 你经常运动吗?

B: Shìde, wǒ měitiān dōu duànliàn shēntǐ.

B: Yes, I do physical exercises every day.

B: 是的，我每天都锻炼身体。

A: Nǐ píngcháng zuò shénme yùndòng?

A: What exercises do you usually do?

A: 你平常作什么运动?

B: Wǒ měitiān pǎobù. Yǒude shíhòu dǎ wǎngqiú.

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

B: 我每天跑步。有的时候打网球。

A: Nǐ wǎngqiú dǎ de zěnmeyàng?

A: How well do you play tennis?

A: 你网球打得怎么样？

B: Mǎmāhūhu. Nǐ huì bu huì dǎ wǎngqiú?

B: So-so. Can you play tennis?

B: 马马虎虎。你会不会打网球？

A: Huì.

A: Yes.

A: 会。

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

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

B: 我们什么时候一起去打网球，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，你喜欢体育运动吗？

B: Hěn xǐhuān.

B: Very much.

B: 很喜欢。

A: Īhuān shénme?

A: What do you like?

A: 喜欢什么？

B: Gǎnlǎnqiú. Wǒmen jiālǐ rén dōu xǐhuān gǎnlǎnqiú.

B: Football. My family members all like football.

B: 橄榄球。我们家里人都喜欢橄榄球。

A: Nǐ chángcháng dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú ma?

A: Do you often play football?

A: 你常常打橄榄球吗？

B: Bù dǎ. Wǒ bú huì dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú.

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

B: 不打。我不会打橄榄球。

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

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

A: 那，你怎么说你喜欢橄榄球呢？

B: Wǒ shì shuō wǒ xǐhuān kàn gǎnlǎnqiú bǐsài.

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

B: 我是说我喜欢看橄榄球比赛。

B: Wǒ méiyǒu shuō wǒ xǐhuān dǎ gǎnlǎnqiú.

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

B: 我没有说我喜欢打橄榄球。

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?

Nǐ xǐhuān tǐyù yùndòng ma?

Wǒ xǐhuān
hén xǐhuān
fēicháng xǐhuān
bú tài xǐhuān
yìdǐr dōu bù xǐhuān¹

2. What sports do you like?

Nǐ 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
yìdìr 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 keyǐ

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 xǐhuan yùndòng.

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

Nǐ pícháng yībān zuò shénme yùndòng?

Wǒ	měitiān chángcháng yǒude shíhou yībān	pǎobù dǎ wǎngqiú dǎ lángqiú yóuyǒng
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7. Do you like to watch sports games?

Nǐ Nǐ jiālǐ rén	xīhūn kàn tǐyù bǐsài ma?
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Wǒ Wǒ jiālǐ rén dōu	xīhūn bù xīhūn bú tài xīhūn	kàn tǐyù bǐsài
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8. What kind of games do you like to watch?

Nǐ Nǐ jiālǐ rén	xīhuān kàn shénme bǐsài?
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Wǒ Wǒ jiālǐ rén dōu	xīhuān kàn	lánqiú páiqiú wǎngqiú gǎnlǎnqiú pīngpāngqiú	bǐsài
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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 yībān 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.