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Unit 2, Vocabulary and Listening, exercises 6, 7 and 8

Presenter: Now to the sports section of the programme. Sport is good for us, we all know that, but is it more than a way to keep fit? Let's find out. Ben Witherby is with me today. Ben, you play hockey in your free time, right?

Ben: Hi. Yeah, that's right.

Presenter: And you play for ... ?

Ben: The Saxton Tigers. It's a Junior League team.

Presenter: So how old are the players?

Ben: Between 13 and 15 – it's an under-16 team.

Presenter: Right, and why do you like playing hockey?

Ben: I like it because you're in a team. It's different from, say, doing athletics, or swimming because you play in a group.

Presenter: Why is that important for you?

Ben: Well, you learn to work together and help each other. It's the only way to win games.

Presenter: And does hockey help you in life in general; not just when you're playing, I mean?

Ben: Yes, I think it does. We often do group work at school, when we do projects and things, and hockey teaches you to work with other people.

Presenter: Right, so how many people have you got in your team, Ben?

Ben: Sixteen in total, but only 11 play in a game.

Presenter: I see. And when do you usually play?

Ben: Well, we practise every Monday and Wednesday, after school, and then we play matches on Saturdays. And I go cycling on other days.

Presenter: That's a lot!

Ben: It is, but that's another good thing. You learn to organise your time. I mean, you want to play with the team, but you have homework and other things to do too.

Presenter: Right! Well, that's all we have time for. Thanks, Ben. And now ...