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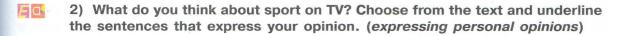
G. I love watching sport, especially football and tennis. I tend to watch the sports, which I'm not good at because I prefer to play the sports I am good at.



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6. Here is an extract from the story *The Confidence Game* by Pat Carr.

Tobi and Angela are members of the school swimming team. They are permanent rivals. Only one of them can take part in the National competitions.

1) Who will go to the Nationals? (reading for specific information)

The next morning I was too nervous to eat my breakfast.

This meet would decide who was going to the Nationals.

Better not to think about Angela at all, I told myself, recalling Coach's words. Better to concentrate on my own race. Carefully, I went over Coach's instructions in my who is you for mind.

At the gun, I cut into the top of the water smoothly. I swam exactly as I had been imagining it before the race, acting out the pictures in my mind. When I finished, I was certain I had done my best. Then I heard my name. I also heard Angela's name, but it was several minutes before I realised that my name had been called last. That meant my time had been better.

