

19.Sports

In our Modern world, sports have become a part of our daily life. People are crazy about many kinds of sports. There are two ways to enjoy them, playing or watching them on TV Professional sports are booming here in Korea. We have baseball and football. And, recently, volleyball became professional and is growing ever more popular. Players are making more money and playing better, and fans are enjoying high-quality games. Some national athletes have even gained international attention. So everybody seems to benefit from professional sports. But the players and coaches are under heavy stress. Players must compete for positions, and coaches are at the mercy of their win-lose record. In most cases, teamworks & cooperation is always emphasized in every game, however, it leads to competition sometimes of who will be the best player of the team.

Comprehension

1. The word "fan" is derived from "fanatic." Which word in the paragraph has the same meaning?
2. Which three professional Korean sports are mentioned?
3. What is stressful to players and coaches?

Your opinion

1. Why are people crazy about professional sports?
2. What do you think is the difference between amateur and professional sports?
3. Which kind of sport do you prefer, amateur or professional?
4. Which do you prefer, playing a sport, watching it on TV, or watching it "live"?
5. What are your favorite sports?
6. What do professional sports give us?
7. What makes professional players do their best?
8. Do you think their salaries are high enough?
9. What do you think about importing foreigners to play professional sports?
10. Do you think it's okay for your children to become pro athletes? What kind of





sport would you recommend for your children?

