

Do pro athletes make too much money?

Details

A Who makes more money? Circle the correct answers.

1. new hockey player / new football player
2. average hockey player / average football player
3. president of the United States / average basketball player
4. average classroom teacher / new police officer
5. average classroom teacher / average firefighter
6. average basketball player / average doctor
7. new basketball player / president of the United States

Supporting arguments

B Do these statements support or oppose the argument for paying athletes high salaries? Check (✓) the correct column.

		Support	Oppose
1.	Soldiers and police officers have more dangerous jobs.		✓
2.	There aren't many people who can be sports superstars.		
3.	Movie stars and other entertainers also have high salaries.		
4.	Doctors and teachers have more important jobs.		
5.	The president of the United States makes less money.		
6.	Sports stars make a lot of money for their teams.		

Vocabulary

C Unscramble these words from the reading. Use the definitions to help you.

1. *g e v a r e a* average = typical
2. *v d e e r s e* _____ = should have (something)
3. *l a v a b l u e* _____ = worth a lot of money
4. *d a i p r o v e* _____ = receiving too much money
5. *i l r y f a* _____ = in a reasonable way
6. *c a f o r n t i* _____ = a part of something

CHALLENGE

D On average, who makes the most money? Who makes the least money? Rank these professions from 1 (most money) to 6 (least money).

- baseball player _____
- basketball player _____
- classroom teacher _____
- firefighter _____
- football player _____
- hockey player _____

Extreme sports

Scanning

A Check (✓) the sports mentioned in the text.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. running marathons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. white-water rafting | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. bungee jumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. snowboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. hang-gliding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. mountain climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. skydiving |

Context clues

B Find the words in *italics* in the reading. Circle the meaning of each word.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <i>fit</i> (par. 1) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. in excellent physical condition
b. appropriate for someone |
| 2. <i>test</i> (par. 2) | a. take a quiz or an exam
b. try to succeed in a new situation |
| 3. <i>behind</i> (par. 4) | a. in back of
b. explaining |
| 4. <i>relative</i> (par. 4) | a. compared with other things
b. about family members |
| 5. <i>classes</i> (par. 5) | a. groups of people in a society
b. courses of study at school |
| 6. <i>hot</i> (par. 7) | a. very warm
b. very popular |

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C Who mentions these reasons for participating in extreme sports? Check (✓) the correct column.

		Exum	Farley	Not specified
1.	Upper- and middle-class people are bored.	✓		
2.	Extreme sports are creative and allow individuals to express themselves.			
3.	Some people have a “Type T” personality.			
4.	More high-tech equipment is available.			
5.	Extreme sports are very popular now.			
6.	There are fewer traditional risks such as war.			
7.	Many Americans have enough money to try expensive sports.			
8.	Many Americans enjoy doing adventurous, dangerous things.			

Frequently asked questions about the ancient Olympic Games

Audience and purpose

A Circle the correct answers.

- Where is this article from?
 - a newspaper
 - a magazine
 - a Website
 - a brochure
- Who is this article written for?
 - professional athletes
 - the general public
 - Olympic judges
 - high school students
- What is the purpose of this article?
 - to give general information about the ancient Olympics
 - to encourage more people to play sports
 - to compare the ancient and the modern Olympics
 - to explain the role of women in the ancient Olympics

Context clues

B Find the words in *italics* in the reading. Then complete the sentences. (Be careful! There are two extra words.)

<i>equestrian</i> (par. 3)	<i>forbidden</i> (par. 4)	<i>penalty</i> (par. 4)	<i>statue</i> (par. 5)
<i>fine</i> (par. 9)	<i>olive</i> (par. 5)	<i>rivalry</i> (par. 1)	<i>violate</i> (par. 9)

- I like to watch horse races because I'm interested in equestrian sports.
- The _____ tree can be found all over Greece.
- If you _____ the rules of the competition, you cannot win.
- Children are _____ to see this movie. It's for adults only.
- If you drive too fast, the police will _____ you.
- There was a strong _____ between the athletes. They both really wanted to win.

Details

C Answer these questions.

- Why were the ancient Olympic Games held?
They were part of a major religious festival to honor Zeus.
- How could women participate in the ancient Olympics?

- What did the Olympic winners get from their home cities?
