Dependent Prepositions | Adjectives – Open Cloze

A. Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Do you enjoy playing sports?
2. Have you ever played a sport from another country?
3. Look at the sports. Which ones are played in your country? Do you know them all?

rugby	lacrosse	netball	curling
jai alai	sumo wrestling	cricket	sepak takraw

B. For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

I've always been interested (1) _____ trying out new things, especially when it comes to sports. So, when I went to Southeast Asia, I was excited (2) _____ discovering the unique sports played in the region. One day, as I strolled around town, I came across a group of locals playing a game called sepak takraw.

I was immediately jealous (3) _____ the fun that the players were having. They were skilfully kicking a small rattan ball over a net using only their feet, knees, chest and head. It was different (4) _____ any sport I had ever seen before: like a mix of football and volleyball, and I wanted to learn more about it.

When I approached the group, they welcomed me and explained the rules of the game. They were all very proud (5) _____ their incredible acrobatic abilities, effortlessly executing flips and kicks. On the other hand, I suddenly felt very aware (6) _____ my lack of experience and agility, but their encouragement made me feel more at ease.

Over the next few weeks, I became focussed (7) _____ practising sepak takraw. The locals were patient and supportive, providing me with plenty of tips to improve my skills. With each practice session, I felt more satisfied (8) _____ my progress and determined to become proficient in such a unique game.

Through sepak takraw, I discovered a passion. I started to feel responsible (9) _____ preserving the rich cultural heritage of the sport. Sepak takraw not only challenged my physical abilities but also allowed me to connect with the local community. I'm pleased (10) _____ the memories I've made through this incredible sport, and I can't wait to share them with others when I return home.

C. Write a short text about a sport from another country. For every dependent preposition, leave a gap. Then exchange with a partner and test their knowledge.

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ANSWER KEY

A.

Answers will vary. Here is a brief guide to the sports and where they are played.

1. Rugby - A full-contact team sport played mainly in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.
2. Lacrosse - A fast-paced team sport played with a small rubber ball and long-handled sticks, popular in North America.
3. Netball - A non-contact team sport derived from basketball, primarily played by women in British Commonwealth countries.
4. Curling - An ice sport that involves sliding stones on ice towards a target, played in countries with cold climates like Canada.
5. Jai alai - A high-speed ball game originating from the Basque region.
6. Sumo wrestling - A traditional Japanese sport where two wrestlers compete to force each other out of a circular ring.
7. Cricket - A bat-and-ball team sport played in many countries, especially in England and former British colonies.
8. Sepak takraw - A Southeast Asian sport similar to volleyball, but players can use any part of the body except their hands and arms.

B.

1. in
2. about / at
3. of
4. from / to / than
5. of
6. of
7. on
8. with
9. for
10. with / about

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