

Dependent Prepositions | Nouns – Open Cloze

A. Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Do you enjoy playing games?
2. What is the difference between a sport and a game?
3. Look at the activities below, would you consider them sports or games? Why?

poker	chess	darts	pool
archery	fencing	eSports	bowling

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.

Darts is a game that is played in pubs and bars worldwide. However, many people do not see darts as a sport, but instead as a casual activity. This perception is due to a lack (1) _____ understanding and familiarity (2) _____ darts as a competitive game.

One reason for the opposition (3) _____ recognizing darts as a sport is the association with excessive drinking. Although darts has traditionally been played in places that serve alcohol, it is important to separate the game from its surroundings. Considering darts a sport should not be influenced by the environment where it is played.

Another factor is the concern (4) _____ proper facilities. Some people argue that not everyone has the opportunity to play darts in a professional setting, which lowers its status as a sport. However, access (5) _____ state-of-the-art facilities should not be the only determining factor in defining an activity as a sport.

Moreover, the emphasis (6) _____ rules and techniques also plays a role. People's knowledge (7) _____ the game is often limited, leading to false impressions about its skill requirements. Increasing public awareness is the solution (8) _____ eliminating these misunderstandings.

Darts is more than just a pub game. Despite pride (9) _____ its casual roots, it has the characteristics of a sport: skill, strategy, and competition. Perhaps there is a fear (10) _____ allowing darts to be considered a sport because other games could also cross that boundary. If that is the case then let's give all these strategic games the recognition they really deserve as sports.

C. Write a short text about another game that could be considered a sport. For every dependent preposition, leave a gap. Then exchange with a partner and test their knowledge.

ANSWER KEY

A.

Answers will vary, but there is an argument that any of these should be considered a sport. Archery and fencing are both Olympic sports, while all the others also have global competitions.

B.

1. of
2. with
3. to
4. about
5. to
6. on
7. of
8. to
9. in
10. of