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1. Sailboat. This is a sailboat.
2. Sailing race. The sailboat is in a sailing race.
3. Baseball game. This is a baseball game.
4. Batting. This baseball player is batting and is ready to hit the ball.
5. Pitcher. The baseball pitcher is throwing the ball.
6. Long-distance runner. He's a long-distance runner.
7. Take the lead. He takes the lead in the race.
8. Motor racing. This is motor racing.
9. Drop out of the race. This driver will have to drop out of the race.
10. Referee. The referee is showing a red card.
11. Score a goal. The soccer player scores a goal.
12. Coach. The coach tells the player what to do.

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1. She's the world's top women's basketball player.
2. Her team won the basketball game fifty to forty-nine.
3. He's the fastest long-distance runner in the world.
4. He took first place in the Pacific Summer Race.
5. The Asian Grand Prix is taking place this week.
6. A new driver from Korea won the race.

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Man And now it's time for today's top sports stories.

Woman Michelle Obe is now the world's top women's tennis star. She won her match today in the US Open. The match went to three sets and she broke one of her rackets.

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Man And what about baseball? More good news?

Woman Yes, the Cubs baseball team did really well. Li Wang of the Lions was pitching, but couldn't stop Richie Clark of the Cubs, who was batting. Richie hit a homerun to win the game 6-5.

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Man And what about motor racing?

Woman That's right. There's a big story in motor racing today. Italian Enzo Leon had to drop out of the race. A new driver from Germany won. Karl Stein is only twenty-one years old.

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Man Stormy weather in the big sailing race?

Woman Yes. There was lightning and heavy showers around the Philippines, but the Pacific Sailing Race continued today. Fifty sailboats from Fifteen countries are taking part in the

race. Today, Japan took the lead.

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Man And who's the fastest long-distance runner in the New York Marathon?

Woman The New York Marathon took place this morning. Kenyan long-distance runner Daniel Akabusi took first place. His time was two hours, four minutes and fifty-five seconds.

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Man And that leaves women's basketball, doesn't it?

Woman That's right. It was an exciting evening for Texas and Arizona. Texas Won 93-92.

Man Wow!

Woman Jennifer Tate of Texas scored the Winning basket.

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Woman Welcome to Talk Back Sports, where we interview a different sports star each week. This week we are talking to Raffi Brunetti, a top scoring soccer player. Raffi, welcome to the show.

Raffi Thanks for having me.

Woman So how did it all start? When did you first start to play soccer?

Raffi Well, I can't really remember. There was always a soccer ball at home. I started kicking it as soon as I could walk. I played with my three older brothers. Because I was the youngest, I had to try harder to be good.

Woman I guess you never stopped trying. You're the best now!

Raffi Well, not the best, but I work hard and I have a great coach. I also have lots of loyal fans who always support me.

Woman In your last ten games, you scored nineteen goals. That's a record! What makes someone like you a great player?

Raffi It's ... It's all teamwork. I have great teammates, especially our midfielder. We work really well together. If nobody passes me the ball, I can't take a shot at goal. When I score, I score for my whole team. When I miss a penalty, I feel terrible.

Woman That's great. Thanks again, Raffi. You're a real team player!

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Example: bad bat cat catch

1. boat

2. good

3. sport

4. lead

5. hit

6. coach

7. coat

8. match

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Peter G'day I'm Peter. Nice to meet you.

Anna G'day? I've never heard that before. What does it mean?

Peter Oh, I'm sorry. It's an Australian greeting. It's short for "good day". It's how we say "hello" in Australia.

Anna OK! G'day ... My name is Anna. How do you like Taiwan so far?

Peter I've only been here for a short time, but I really like it.

Anna That's great. What are your interests?

Peter Well, like most Australians, I'm really into sports. In Australia I played rugby and cricket.

Anna I've seen rugby on TV before. It's the sport that uses an oval-shaped ball, right?

Peter Yeah.

Anna I'm not sure about cricket though. What's that?

Peter Cricket is a little similar to baseball. Teams take turns throwing and hitting a ball. In cricket, behind the batsmen are three thin pieces of wood. If they get knocked over, the batsman is out. Do you play any sports?

Anna Well, I'm really into river-tracing.

Peter What's river tracing?

Anna It is a combination of hiking, climbing and swimming. It was first developed in Japan and then brought over to Taiwan. Basically, what you do is follow the path of a river.

Peter That sounds awesome! I'd love to try it!

Anna Make sure you go with a professional group. River tracing can be quite dangerous.

Peter Really? How?

Anna The weather can change suddenly, or you could get lost. Falling off a rock or drowning are the most serious risks.

Peter Got it. So, where's the best place in Taiwan to try it safely?

Anna I'll be going to Hualien next month with some friends. It's great for river-tracing there. Would you like to come?

Peter Sure, that would be great!