

to outlaw dangerous sports	поставить опасные виды спорта вне закона
to be banned on safety grounds	быть запрещённым по причине безопасности
repeated blows to the head in boxing	повторяющиеся удары по голове в боксе
to risk brain injury	рисковать травмой головного мозга
a mainstream sport	преобладающий спорт
a highly disciplined sport	спорт с высокой дисциплиной
to instill self-discipline	внедрить само-дисциплину
to disengage children from gangs	вывести детей из банд
tombstoning (cliff-jumping)	прыжки со скал
the rush of adrenaline	всплеск адреналина
a bloodthirsty and dangerous sport	кровавый и опасный спорт
broken ribs	сломанные рёбра
black eyes	подбитые глаза
medical risks	медицинские риски
martial arts such as kickboxing and Thai boxing	боевые искусства, такие как кикбоксинг или тайский бокс
to host the Olympics	принимать Олимпийские игры
tantalizing promises	заманчивые обещания
local construction sector tends to benefit	строительный сектор получит прибыль
necessary infrastructure	необходимая инфраструктура
economic windfall	экономическая удача
to experience cost overruns	превысить затраты
escalating costs	резко растущие затраты
magnificent athletic events	прекрасные спортивные события
to spur goodwill	способствовать развитию доброй воли
to alienate inactive schoolchildren	отчуждать пассивных школьников
competitive team-based sports	командные виды спорта
to get young people into the habit of exercise	прививать молодёжи привычку тренироваться

to lead healthy and active lifestyles	вести здоровую и активную жизнь
to compete against other schools	соревноваться с другими школами
intrinsically valuable	действительно ценно
sports coaches	спортивные тренеры
to neglect outdoor, adventurous and dance activity	пренебрегать активным отдыхом, приключениями и танцами
NBA players' annual salaries exceed \$2m	годовые зарплаты игроков NBA превышают 2 млн долларов
household incomes	доходы домохозяйств
a star basketball player	звезда баскетбола
is paid a fortune	получает целое состояние
superstar compensation	оплата суперзвезд
to tolerate outsized sports incomes	быть терпимыми к раздутым доходам в спорте
high-paid sports celebrities	высокооплачиваемые спортивные знаменитости

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[Competitive team sports will alienate inactive schoolchildren](#)

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[Public applauds huge salaries for sports stars – while business stars get abuse](#)

Essay topics:

1. Some people think that the government should prohibit dangerous sporting activities while others think that people have the freedom to do whatever sports they choose. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
2. Many people want their country to host an international sporting event. Others believe that international sporting events bring more problems than benefits. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
3. Some people believe that competitive sports have a positive effect on children's education, while others believe there is no place for such sports in schools. Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion.
4. In many countries, people working in sport and entertainment earn much more money than professionals like doctors, nurses and teachers. Why do you think this happens? Do you consider this a positive or a negative factor?
5. Being a celebrity — such as a famous film star or sports personality — brings problems as well as benefits. Do you think that being a celebrity brings more benefits or more problems?