



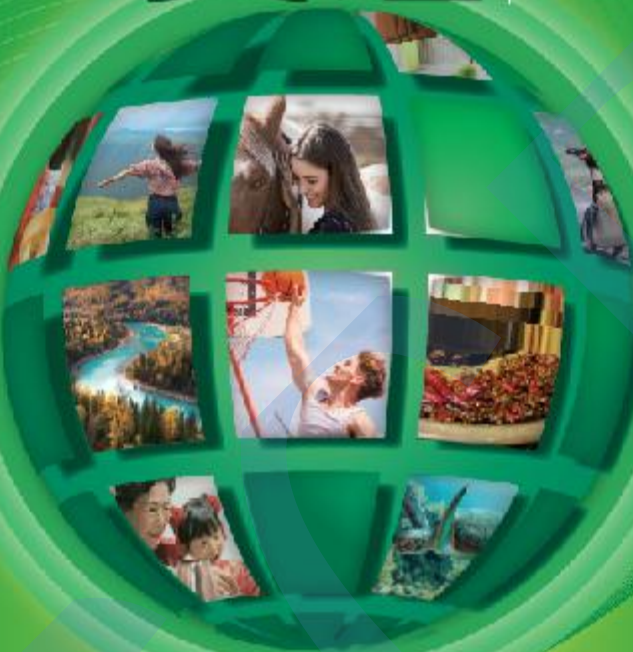
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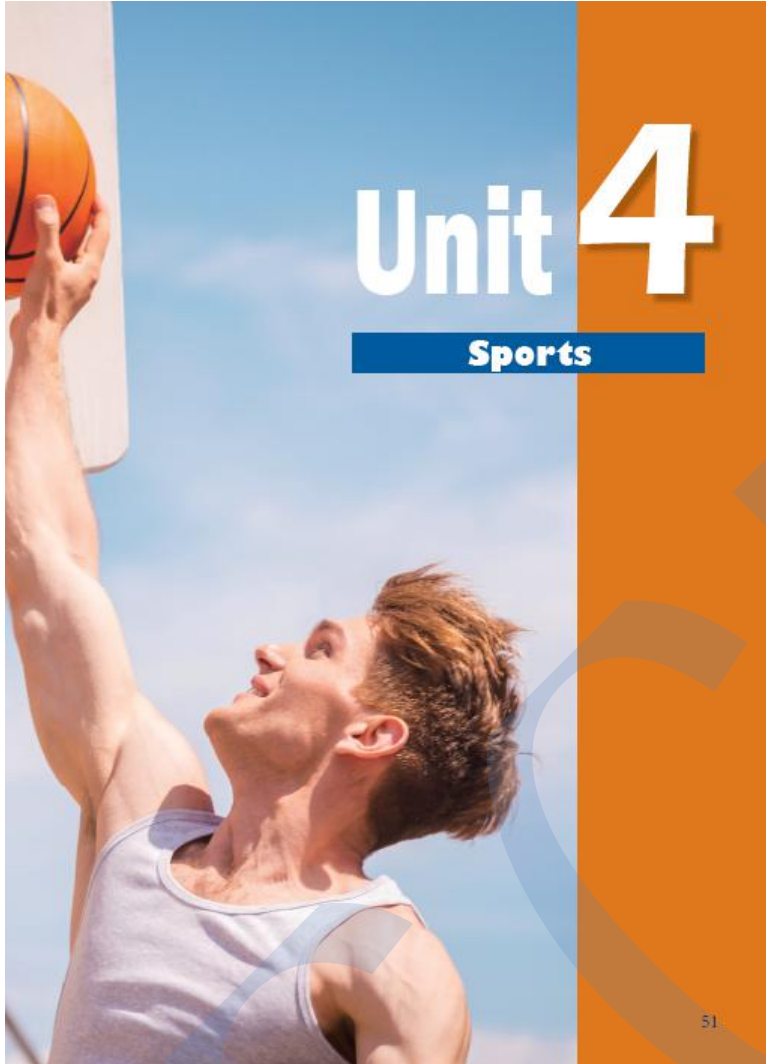
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# Unit 4 Sports



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# Period 1 Getting Started & Reading A

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# Unit Organisation

Period No.	Objectives	Contents
1	<p>1. To understand the development of Jordan's relationship with basketball through predicting the content, skimming, scanning, studying the rhetorical devices and summarizing;</p> <p>2. To grasp the basic structure of a personal letter (greeting, opening remarks, body, closing remarks, complimentary close and signature);</p> <p>3. To understand the writing purpose and targeted reader(s) of a letter;</p> <p>4. To critically think about the role of sports in one's life.</p>	Getting Started Reading A Personal Touch Comprehension
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# Getting Started

Complete the survey questions on sports participation. Compare your answers with a partner's.

1. What sport(s) do you usually participate in?

2. What might you experience while doing sports? (You can choose more than one option.)

- A. Anxiety   B. Boredom   C. Challenge   D. Fun  
E. Nervousness   F. Complete engagement   G. Learning  
H. Concentration   I. A loss of time   J. Other(s) (Please specify.): \_\_\_\_

3. How important are sports in your life?

1	2	3	4	5
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(1 stands for "Not important at all" and 5 stands for "Very important.")

Circle the correct number for yourself, and give reasons for your choice.



# A Riddle

# Michael Jordan

- Basketball player
- 3 retirements
- 14 All-Star Games
- 5 MVP Awards
- 6 NBA finals
- 6 NBA championships



What contributes to his legend?



# OPEN LOVE LETTER TO BASKETBALL

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- Who did Jordan write to?

basketball

- Who is/are supposed to read this letter? (hint: "open")
- What is the overall feeling Jordan expresses in this letter?

love (a mixture of feelings: love/affection, passion, gratitude and nostalgia)



greeting  
opening  
remarks

Dear Basketball,

It's been almost 28 years since the first day we met. 28 years since I saw you in the back of our garage. 28 years since my parents introduced us.

If someone had told me then what would become of us, I'm not sure I would have believed them. I barely remembered your name.

Then I started seeing you around the neighborhood and watching you on television. I used to see you with guys down on the playground. But when my older brother started paying more attention to you, I started to wonder. Maybe you were different.

We hung out a few times. The more I got to know you, the more I liked you. And as life would have it, when I finally got really interested in you, when I was finally ready to get serious, you left me off the varsity. You told me I wasn't good enough.

I was crushed. I was hurt. I think I even cried.

Then I wanted you more than ever. So I practiced. I hustled. I worked on my game. Passing. Dribbling. Shooting. Thinking. I ran. I did sit-ups. I did push-ups. I

body

did pull-ups. I lifted weights. I studied you. I began to fall in love and you noticed. At least that's what Coach Smith said.

At the time, I wasn't sure exactly what was going on. But now I know. Coach Smith was teaching me how to love you, how to listen to you, how to understand you, how to respect you and how to appreciate you. Then it happened. That night, at the Louisiana Superdome in the final seconds of the championship game against Georgetown, you found me in the corner and we danced'.

Since then, you've become much more than just a ball to me. You've become more than just a court. More than just a hoop. More than just a pair of sneakers. More than just a game.

You're my biggest fan and my severest critic. You're my dearest friend and my strongest ally. You're my most challenging teacher and my most endearing student. You're my ultimate teammate and my toughest competitor. You're my passport around the world and my visa into the hearts of millions.

As our relationship changes yet again, as all relationships do, one thing is for sure. I love you, Basketball. I love everything about you and I always will. My playing days in the NBA are definitely over, but our relationship will never end.

Much love and respect,

Michael Jordan

body

closing  
remarks

complimentary  
close

signature



# OPEN **LOVE** LETTER TO BASKETBALL

- Did Jordan fall in love with basketball at the very beginning?

*No. (I barely remembered your name.)*

- Did basketball treat Jordan well at the beginning?

*No. (You left me off the varsity.)*

- How did he win basketball's heart?

1. He practiced and worked on the game (hustling, passing, dribbling, shooting, thinking, running; doing sit-ups, push-ups and pull-ups; lifting weights) and studied basketball.

2. He took the coach's advice: to love, listen to, understand, respect and appreciate basketball.





# OPEN LOVE LETTER TO BASKETBALL

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- What does Jordan mean by saying “we danced” (lines 34 – 35)?

He successfully won basketball's heart back by leading his team to win an important basketball game, which gave him confidence that he could play basketball well.

- Why do you think Jordan wrote this letter?

To reflect on his basketball career and say farewell to his playing days.



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- B. Basketball started to attract Jordan's attention.
- C. Basketball was new to Jordan.
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THEN	C	B	E	A	D	NOW
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# Stages of development of Jordan's relationship with basketball (clues from the text)

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# Rhetorical Devices

- **repetition**

effect

to create rhythm, achieve emphasis and draw the readers' attention.

**LOVE**

- **personification**

basketball → lover

effect

to help the reader develop a connection between a distant object and resonate with how the author feels about it.



# OPEN LOVE LETTER TO BASKETBALL

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**Q: What sporting spirit(s) do you think Jordan demonstrates in his letter? Give your reasons.**

- A. Never give up.
- B. Win or lose, do it fairly.
- C. It's not the winning that matters but the taking part.
- D. Collaboration makes us better.
- E. Failure is the mother of success.
- F. Compete to excel.
- G. Good, better, best. Never let it rest.
- H. Believe in yourself.
- I. Winning isn't everything, but wanting it is.
- J. ...



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**“I can accept defeat  
but could not accept to give up.”**

THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME  
**JORDAN**



Thank you!