
词汇: *fantasy sports* 梦幻运动

Would you be good at managing a **top-level** sports team? Do you have the **tactics** and **know-how** to be the next Jurgen Klopp? Well, you can find out by playing fantasy sports!

While **football fans** across the globe observe **victories**, losses and **draws** of real matches this season, over nine million people will play Premier Fantasy Football, according to the **Premier League**. And it's not just football, but also baseball, basketball and cricket to name just a few fantasy sports you can join.

In a fantasy league, you get an **imaginary budget** which you can spend on your **squad**, selecting any players that compete in the actual sport of your chosen league. Of course, better players cost more! As the real games **play out**, so does your **fictional** team.

Doesn't sound **up your street**? You may well have been pressured into competing in a league against your friends or colleagues **against your better judgment**, but, according to research, playing fantasy sports can actually benefit you. Some people find they enjoy the **camaraderie** that comes with it even if they're not a fan of the sport itself. In fact, a US Quantum Workplace survey found that co-workers who play in a fantasy league together, **bond** better. They scored more highly in teamwork and trust than those who play, but not with colleagues. Plus, friendly competition gives you something to chitchat over when enjoying a hard-earned rest!

Other pros are the **brain training** you get along with the entertainment. **Strategy**, **tactical decision-making**, budgeting and **navigating** large amounts of data are just some skills you need to do well in this kind of game.

So, get your team ready and good luck!

词汇表

top-level	顶级的
tactics	战术
know-how	技能, 诀窍
football fan	足球迷
victory	胜利
draw	平局, 打平
Premier League	英格兰足球超级联赛
imaginary budget	虚拟的预算
squad	球队, 运动队
play out	展开
fictional	虚构的
up your street	合你口味, 为你所喜爱
against your better judgment	违心
camaraderie	友情
bond	团结, 亲近
brain training	脑力训练
strategy	策略, 战略
tactical	战术性的
decision-making	决策
navigate	浏览, 处理

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What will nine million people play this season?
2. Apart from football, what other fantasy sports can you play?
3. What can you spend your imaginary budget on?
4. True or false? *Different players cost different amounts.*
5. According to the article, what are the benefits of playing fantasy sports?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. I won't come to karaoke because it's not _____.

up my street against my better judgment get along play out

2. Both teams scored one goal in the match. It was a _____.

victory skill strategy draw

3. Chess can be described as a _____ game because you need to use logic and strategy.

fantasy pressure tactical hard-earned

4. Relationships are best when built on _____.

trust brain training tactics pressure

5. My nephew has a very wild _____ when drawing!

imagination camaraderie know-how fan

答案

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Other fantasy sports include baseball, basketball and cricket.

3. What can you spend your imaginary budget on?

You can spend it on your squad, selecting any players that compete in the actual sport of your chosen league.

4. True or false? *Different players cost different amounts.*

True. Better players cost more.

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The camaraderie, better bonding, teamwork, trust at work, and brain training.

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