

Super Bowl

Melissa and Todd talk about America's secret holiday.

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Todd: But you're American. You don't like American football?

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Todd: Right. But the Super Bowl - that's like the biggest game of the year right! So you go to Super Bowl parties, right?

Melissa: Yeah, my sister's crazy about football and she has Super Bowl parties but I haven't really lived in America for the past three years, and before that I was in college and I never really went to one. How about you?

Todd: Oh, yeah, I'm huge ... it's the biggest day of the year for me.

Melissa: What's your favorite team?



Todd: Well, my team is terrible now ... the 49ers, so they're never, ever in the Super Bowl.

Melissa: Yeah, that's cool. San Francisco.

Todd: But the thing I think is great about Super Bowl Sunday is it's really ... it's like the silent American holiday.

Melissa: Yes.

Todd: You know what I mean? Like it's the one day where everybody gets together and watches the game and has a good time.

Melissa: Well, I'm from Philadelphia and Philadelphia fans of all sports are totally wild and crazy, and they just go all out, so a lot of my family members and friends go crazy about the Eagles' games.

Todd: So have you ever been to a professional game?

Melissa: I haven't. I haven't been to a professional football game.

Todd: Now, what about college? Did you have a big college team?

Melissa: No, I don't think so. We had a good basketball team at the University of Arizona - The Wildcats, but

Todd: Oh, right.

Melissa: Football, I don't really recall having a good football team.

Todd: So when you watch the Super Bowl, usually the best part is the commercials, right? So, they have the commercials, so you watch those, don't you?

Melissa: To be honest, I can't remember watching the Super Bowl in recent years.

Todd: Wow!

Melissa: Yeah.

Todd: Here it is. I'm saying it's the biggest day of the year, and you don't remember ever seeing it?

Melissa: I mean, I remember watching it, but they're just ... I remember like being more into the food that was all around me.

Todd: Right, right. Fair enough.

Melissa: Sorry. But if you invite me this year I'll come.

Todd: Oh, cool.

Task Sheet



Task 1: Read the text or listen to the audio. What does Melissa say about the following topics? Does she think they are good or bad? What details does she give about each topic?

Topic	Details
football	
rules of football	
basketball	
super bowl parties	
her sister	
49ers	
Silent American holiday	
Philadelphia fans	
University of Arizona	
commercials	



Task 2

Circle whether you agree or disagree with the opinions. Why do you think so? Write your reasons and then discuss with a partner.

1) American football is the most interesting sport to watch because of the rules.

I **agree / disagree** because _____

2) Sports are bad for society because they make us too competitive.

I **agree / disagree** because _____

3) Watching sports is a waste of time.

I **agree / disagree** because _____

4) Girls should be allowed to play sports with boys if they want to.

I **agree / disagree** because _____

Word Completion

Complete the missing words.

Option 1: Read the text and try to predict the missing word.

Option 2: Listen the audio from ello.org and complete the gaps.

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Bits and Pieces



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3. I must go to football practice yesterday.

4. I'm boring watching football because I don't know the rules.

5. Please explain me the rules so I can understand what is going on.

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ANSWER SHEET

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