

theme seven: the race is on!



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Competition

- What do you think of ambitious people? Do you consider yourself ambitious? In what ways?
- Would you compete against others in the following situations? What would your terms and expectations be?
 - to win a title in a sports race?
 - to win the prize in a TV quiz show
 - to gain a promotion at work
 - to skip redundancy at work
- What do you think are differences between rivalry and competition? Are you involved in either at the moment?
- What do you think are the benefits of promoting competition among employees in an organisation?
- Would sibling rivalry harm the integrity of a family? What are your experiences with this issue like?
- Would you be interested in preventing sibling rivalry from developing in your own family? How?



Betting on Races

- How do you take to the idea of betting on races? Which one of the following would you bet on?
 - Horseracing
 - Formula One
 - Rodeo
 - Football
- Why do you think people bet although they might lose? Why do some continue betting after they have lost huge sums of money or even property?

International Competition

- Why do countries like to compete with each other in different fields? Is it a matter of national pride or just a desire for superiority out of vanity?
- Which of these races among countries are still going on heatedly? What do you think of the circumstances involved in and the results of each?
 - Arms race
 - Olympics
 - Extending territory
 - Forming alliances or influencing foreign governments
 - War

