

Paper 2: Engagement patterns of different social groups



Family/friends/peers

Explanation	You can be grouped by those you spend time with: - Parents/guardians - Relations - Friends - Siblings - Classmates
Factors affecting participation	Familiarity: You may play the same sport as your family. E.g. you play table tennis because your dad plays table tennis Attitudes: You may not play badminton because your friends don't play Family commitments: You may not play sport because you have to look after younger siblings

Age

Explanation	People are split into groups based on their age: - Children - Teenagers - Adults - Retirees
Factors affecting participation	Accessibility: Many clubs have specific times in which they train/play. If you have other commitments, they cannot play Disposable income: Money may be needed to pay bills rather than play sport Available leisure time: Some people have little spare time due to work commitments Stereotyping: Some people think you are too old to play sport if you are retired

Gender

Explanation	Gender groups are determined by a person's sex they are either: - Male - Female
Factors affecting participation	Role models: There are a lack of female role models in many sports Media Coverage: Lack of TV coverage of female sports Sexism: Some girls do not want to play rugby as they think others will think they are masculine Stereotyping: Some males do not want to play netball as they think it is a sport for females

Race/religion/culture

Explanation	People are grouped based on their: - Culture - specific origin
Factors affecting participation	Cultural influences: Family or peers influence whether someone does an activity or not Disposable income: Due to economic grouping some people from minority groups may have less money. Someone without a permanent job would not have the money needed to access many sports Stereotyping: People from different backgrounds are steered towards or away from certain activities. E.g. people from African origin may be encouraged to participate in athletics rather than activities such as swimming

Disability

Explanation	People are split into groups dependent on their disability
Factors affecting participation	Adaptability: There are many adapted activities available to people with disabilities such as wheel chair tennis and rugby. Adapting sports for the disabled can be expensive and venues are limited Inclusiveness: Sports sessions may not run for people with disabilities. This means it is not inclusive. They are unable to take part in mainstream activities Accessibility: Lack of clubs and facilities in the local area for disabled groups as well as Physical barriers such as lack of ramps or pool hoists Disposable income: Specialist equipment may be expensive Stereotyping: Someone with a disability think they are unable to participate or others assuming those with disabilities are unable to take part Media coverage: Although there has been an increase in media coverage it is limited Role models: Due to the limited media coverage there is a lack of disabled role models to aspire to