

Boxing

拳击

How do you feel about boxing?

你对拳击有什么看法？

This is how some people in London answered the question:

Man 1: Well, I think in France boxing is called 'the noble sport' actually. I think that their discipline is admirable.

Woman: It's cool. It's a sport, which is good. But I don't really think I'd enjoy getting paid to get beaten up. Or training to beat someone else up, so yeah.

Man 2: Yeah, I really hate boxing actually. I think it's really disgusting when you think about it. It's actually just like, a bunch of people, mainly men, taking pleasure in, like, seeing people hit each other. Which is a bit disgusting really. I think it ... You'd think with civilisation advancing as it has done, that maybe we'd have got rid of barbaric things like that.

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Fact

Muhammad Ali is a three time World Heavyweight Champion and many boxing historians consider him to be the best heavyweight champion ever.

Language tip

The idiom 'on the ropes' means on the verge of defeat. It refers to a boxer who has been knocked against the ropes that enclose the boxing ring and that is kept there by blows from his opponent.

Cultural tip

In boxing there is an imaginary line from the belly button to the top of the hips where a boxer is not supposed to hit. To hit below the belt is considered a behaviour that breaches the rules or decency.

Here is the webpage for this programme:

www.bbc.co.uk/ukchina/simp/elt/ask_about_britain/110809_ee_29_boxing_story.shtml