

## Sports verbs and vocabulary

### 1 How many players?

How many players play these sports? Underline the individual sports (for one player), circle the opponent sports (where one player plays against one other player), draw a box around the team sports (where one group of players plays against another group). Use your dictionary to help you.

tennis	basketball	football	cycling	golf
baseball	badminton	surfing	wrestling	swimming
skiing	shot putting	ice hockey	fencing	archery

### 2 Where do you play?

Underline the place where you play these sports.

<b>a. Golf</b>	course	track	field
<b>b. Tennis</b>	pitch	court	ring
<b>c. Baseball</b>	court	pool	diamond
<b>d. Cycling</b>	field	ring	track
<b>e. Wrestling</b>	rink	table	ring
<b>f. Swimming</b>	pool	box	pitch
<b>g. Football</b>	pitch	ring	course
<b>h. Show jumping</b>	course	track	circle
<b>i. Ice skating</b>	court	pool	rink
<b>j. Running</b>	pitch	track	field

**3 What do you use? What equipment do you use when you play these sports? Underline two items of equipment.**

<b>a. Tennis</b>	bat	racket	net	puck
<b>b. Baseball</b>	gloves	stick	bat	goggles
<b>c. Badminton</b>	wall	shuttlecock	net	gloves
<b>d. Ice hockey</b>	ball	puck	tee	stick
<b>e. Cricket</b>	stumps	bails	club	racket
<b>f. Football</b>	goal	target	wicket	boot
<b>g. Golf</b>	stick	club	tee	basket
<b>h. Archery</b>	arrow	ball	target	goggles
<b>i. Boxing</b>	gloves	goggles	net	gumshield
<b>j. Basketball</b>	backboard	boots	skates	target

**4 What do you do in the sport? Underline two verbs connected with each sport.**

<b>a. Football</b>	hit	kick	score	bowl
<b>b. Basketball</b>	pass	kick	dribble	hit
<b>c. Baseball</b>	dribble	pitch	catch	convert
<b>d. Rugby</b>	tackle	pass	putt	strike
<b>e. Tennis</b>	tackle	catch	serve	return
<b>f. Golf</b>	putt	shoot	bowl	drive
<b>g. Swimming</b>	throw	dive	turn	hit
<b>h. Boxing</b>	punch	pass	defeat	lift
<b>i. Show jumping</b>	win	dive	refuse	pick up
<b>j. Cycle racing</b>	jump	win	finish	throw

**5 Which sport are they playing?**  
**Read the short text and underline the sport.**

- a. Carlos won the first two sets 6/1, 6/1. Now it is the second game in the third set. Carlos is serving to José.

cricket	show jumping	baseball	tennis	golf
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- b. Stortford United scored three goals in the first half, two scored by Higgs, the centre forward and a penalty scored by Gascoigne who plays on the right wing. The referee has just blown his whistle for the start of the second half and Harlow Athletic have 45 minutes to get four goals if they want to win the match.

rugby	football	baseball	squash	archery
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- c. Using the music from the film *Titanic*, the Russian pair put on a magnificent display of lifts and holds with excellent footwork. Yuri Shatlin, wearing the costume of a French sailor, and Natasha Moldova dressed in silver impressed the judges with their artistic interpretation of the music.

diving	show jumping	ice dancing	wrestling	weight-lifting
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- d. Ireland had great players in the scrum but their three-quarters were slow and often dropped the ball. The French scrum half, Didier, was excellent and his conversion of Chirac's try in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute won the game. Henri was sent off after a brutal tackle on O'Connell but the final score 28-15 reflected France's domination of the pitch. Next Saturday Ireland plays Scotland and France plays England.

football	skiing	snooker	rugby	badminton
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- e. Bob Simpson, Chicago's star striker came up to the plate with first and second bases covered to face Atlanta's pitcher Greg Lemon. He hit a home run into the crowd on his first strike.

American football	snowboarding	baseball	cricket	archery
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