

POPULAR SPORTS IN THE USA

Sport is very important in the USA. People watch sport in stadiums, at school or at college. And lots of Americans watch sport on TV. People often go to sports bars to watch sport. What is the most popular sport watched on TV in the USA ? _____



Which sport is it ?

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Ice Hockey
- Field hockey
- Soccer
- American football
- Boxing
- Golf
- Cricket
- Tennis



Compare these famous sports:



3.5 billion fans



1 billion fans



900 million fans



Tennis is _____ volleyball.

Soccer is _____ sport.

Tennis is _____ soccer.

1 billion = 1 thousand million

Read this article and answer some questions :

American football

American football evolved from rugby and is the most popular sport in the USA today. The Super Bowl championship is one of the most watched sports events in the world. Players always wear a protective helmet* with a face mask and shoulder* padding. In some games, they also wear thigh pads, knee* pads and chest* protectors.



Cheerleaders*

Cheerleaders* dance, jump and cheer* to give encouragement to their teams and to fans. The first cheerleaders appeared in 1898 and were all men. Today cheerleading is considered to be a sport and cheerleading teams can compete in international cheerleading competitions.



Ice hockey

Ice hockey is played in teams of six players: five skaters and a goalie*. It is fast and exciting. It can be dangerous too, so skaters have to wear protection: a helmet*, shoulder pads, elbow* pads, shin* pads, a mouth* guard and padded shorts. The goalie's equipment is a bit different. Ice hockey players also wear skates specially designed for the game.

Words

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| Gardien | Casque |
| Epaules | Coude |
| Genou | Tibia |
| Poitrine | Bouche |
| Encourager | Pom-pom girls |

- 1) Complete the vocabulary : find the English 'words' in the article (*).
- 2) What is the most watched sport event in the world ? _____
- 3) When did the first cheerleaders appear ? _____ (date)
- 4) How many Ice hockey players are there in one team ? _____ (number)
- 5) What is the difference between American Football and Rugby ?
 - Il faut répondre à cette question en français, en faisant des phrases complètes.
 - Conseils : faire quelques recherches sur internet.