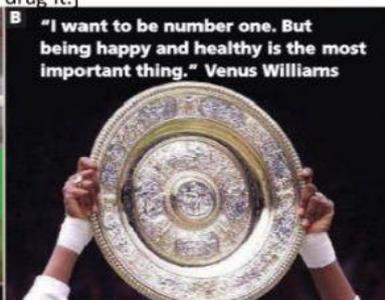


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## Wordbuilding suffixes

- 1 Are any of the athletes in the photos famous in your country? Match the people (A–C) with these words.

tennis player \_\_\_\_ runner \_\_\_\_  
soccer player \_\_\_\_

### ▶ WORDBUILDING suffixes

You can add *-er* to some sports to describe the person who plays the sport:

*ski* → *skier*, *golf* → *golfer*

You can add *player* to some sports:

*tennis* → *tennis player*, *baseball* → *baseball player*

Some sports don't use the suffix *-er* or *player*:

*athletics* → *athlete*, *cycle* → *cyclist*

- 6 Look at these opinions for and against competitive sports in schools. Which are the opinions for (F) and which are the opinions against (A)?

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|--|-----|---|
| 1 Winning and losing teaches students about life.                          | (F) | A |
| 2 A lot of successful schools don't have competitive sports.               | F   | A |
| 3 Children get more exercise when they try to win.                         | F   | A |
| 4 Winning isn't important as long as you do your best.                     | F   | A |
| 5 Children learn to work well in teams when they play against other teams. | F   | A |
| 6 Students learn to work hard by doing competitive sports.                 | F   | A |
| 7 Some parents don't like losing and get angry with their children.        | F   | A |
| 8 All children are different, and some aren't good at sports.              | F   | A |
| 9 Competitive sports are fun.  | F   | A |

- 2 Work in pairs. Look at the wordbuilding box. What is the word for a person who:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 boxes? <i>boxer</i> | 5 plays chess?         |
| 2 motorcycles?        | 6 drives a racing car? |
| 3 plays basketball?   | 7 does gymnastics?     |
| 4 swims?              | 8 goes surfing?        |

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

## Listening

- 4 Read the quotes with the photos. Do you think winning is always important in sports? Why or why not? Discuss with a partner.

- 5 11 Listen to three people talking about competitive sports in schools. Match the speakers (1–3) with their opinions (a–c).
- Speaker \_\_\_\_ thinks non-competitive sports are a good idea.
  - Speaker \_\_\_\_ thinks competitive sports are a good idea in schools.
  - Speaker \_\_\_\_ thinks sports in schools are a good idea, but there can be problems.