

BEFORE YOU WATCH

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you play any sports in your free time?
- 2 What sports do you watch? Why do you like them?
- 3 What sports are popular in your country?

2 a Work in pairs. Read the infographic. Which information do you think is interesting/surprising? Why?

b Work in groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you know any other interesting tennis facts?
- 2 Are there any famous tennis events in your country?
- 3 Are there any famous tennis players from your country?

3 Read the infographic again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Tennis scores are 15, 30 and 45. ____
- 2 Tennis players always wear white clothes at Wimbledon. ____
- 3 Andy Murray has got three Olympic gold medals. ____
- 4 In 2019, people at Wimbledon ate 28,000 kilos of apples. ____
- 5 The four Grand Slams are the French Open, the US Open, the UK Open and the Australian Open. ____
- 6 Serves can sometimes be over 160 mph. ____
- 7 Players use about 50,000 rackets at Wimbledon. ____
- 8 A million people watched Wimbledon on TV in 2018. ____

4 Skim the infographic again. Complete the definitions with the words in bold.

- 1 _____, (n) the thing you use to hit the ball in tennis
- 2 _____, (n) someone who watches a sports game
- 3 _____, (n) the number of points each player has
- 4 _____, (n) events where people compete against each other
- 5 _____, (n) the action in a game of tennis when you throw the ball in the air and hit it
- 6 _____, (n) the areas where people play tennis

TENNIS

Tennis is a popular **racket** sport and millions of people play it. Here are some interesting facts about it.

4 Grand Slams

There are four important tennis **competitions** – Wimbledon in the UK, the French Open, the US Open and the Australian Open.

163 mph

The speed of Samuel Groth's **serve** in 2012.

**53,000**

Tennis players use about 53,000 balls at Wimbledon.

**White**

Tennis players always wear white clothes at Wimbledon

28,000

Spectators often eat strawberries and cream at Wimbledon. In 2019, they ate 28,000 kilos of strawberries.

**23**

Tennis **courts** are 23 metres long and 8 or 11 metres wide.

1 billion

In 2018, about a billion people watched Wimbledon on television.

Olympics

Tennis is an Olympic sport. Andy Murray won the gold medal for the UK in 2012 and 2016.

**Love**

The first point in a game of tennis is 15. The next point is 30, then 40. And the **score** of a player with no points isn't zero, but *love*.

WHILE YOU WATCH

5 Watch the video. Work in pairs and answer the questions.

1 Why is Esme at the tennis club?

2 Who does she meet?

3 What does he show her?

4 Who does she play tennis with?

5 Does she enjoy her lesson?

6 Watch the video from 00:14–02:50. Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 British people love football, rugby and *basketball/cricket*.
- 2 Over 700,000/750,000 people play tennis twice a month in the UK.
- 3 Georgians Tennis Club has got 250/350 members.
- 4 The members' ages range from six years old to 60/70 years old.
- 5 The club teaches *only advanced level tennis/all levels of tennis*.
- 6 The first shot Esme learns is the *forehand/serve*.
- 7 The instructor tells Esme to swing the racket to her *head/shoulder*.
- 8 Esme feels *excited/nervous* about her first group class.

7 a Watch the video from 02:50–03:35. What questions does Esme ask both the speakers?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

b Watch the video from 02:50–03:35 and complete the texts.

- 1 Speaker 1 plays tennis _____ a week. He usually plays with his university _____. They are in a _____ together. He likes playing tennis because he loves the competition and the _____ is good for you.



- 2 Speaker 2 plays tennis twice a week, on _____ and _____. She usually plays with her _____, Oliver.



8 Watch the video from 03:47 to the end. Why does Esme say tennis is popular? Write three reasons.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

AFTER YOU WATCH

9 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you play or watch tennis? Do you like it?
- 2 Is tennis popular in your country?
- 3 What other sports are a good way to meet new people?

10 a Work in pairs. Make a list of your favourite sports and activities.

b Choose one sport or activity from your list. Complete the notes.

- What's the name of the sport?
- How often do you play it?
- Where do you play it?
- Who do you play with?
- Why do you like it?

c Work in groups. Discuss your favourite sports or activities. Ask follow-up questions for more information.

A: What's your favourite sport?

B: Cricket!

A: Me too! How often do you play it?

B: Once a week.