

67 Sport: people and places

A People and equipment



crash helmet



racket



whistle



flag

Motor racing drivers wear a crash helmet.

Tennis players hit the ball with a racket.

Referees blow a whistle.

Linesmen wave a flag.



stick



bat



net



oval ball

Hockey players hit the ball with a stick.

Baseball players hit the ball with a bat.

Goalkeepers try to stop the ball going into the net.

Rugby players play with an oval ball.



Supporters (also called fans) use their voices and shout a lot.

SPOTLIGHT the suffix *-er* and *player*

We usually add the suffix *-er* to a sport or an action verb to form the person who does the sport.

footballer golfer swimmer skier racing driver boxer

In some cases, we use *player*:

tennis player ice hockey player rugby player baseball player

But:

athletics/athlete gymnastics/gymnast

1 Cover the spotlight box and complete the list of people.

- football footballer
- 1 tennis tennis
- 2 golf golf
- 3 athletics athletics
- 4 boxing boxing

- 5 (motor) racing (motor) racing
- 6 rugby rugby
- 7 ski ski
- 8 gymnastics gymnastics

2 Answer the questions.

- Who uses a bat? A baseball player
- 1 Who blows a whistle? Referee
- 2 Who stands in front of a net? Goalkeeper
- 3 Who wears a crash helmet? Motor racing driver
- 4 Who waves a flag? Linesman
- 5 Who uses a stick? Hockey player
- 6 Who shouts a lot? Supporters
- 7 Who uses a racket? Tennis player
- 8 Who plays with an oval ball? Rugby player

3 Complete the sentences.

- You use a bat when you're playing baseball.
- 1 Lewis Hamilton took off his crash helmet and waved to his supporters.
- 2 The referee blew his whistle for the end of the game.
- 3 One of the players hit the ball so hard that his hockey stick broke.
- 4 The linesman was blowing his whistle, but the referee didn't notice.
- 5 The supporters in front of me were angry and they were shouting at the referee.
- 6 They scored, and the goalkeeper had to pick the ball out of the back of the goal.
- 7 Zverev picked up his tennis racket and went to the back of the tennis court.
- 8 In baseball, you hit the ball with a baseball bat.



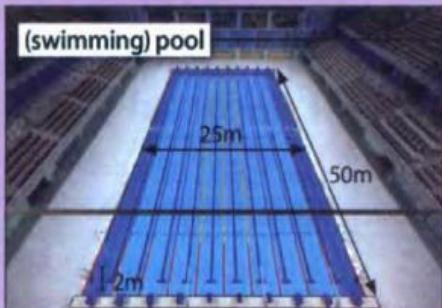
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B Places

The Camp Nou Stadium, the ground of Barcelona Football Club, is the largest stadium in Europe and holds 98,800 spectators.

The Centre Court at Wimbledon is famous **worldwide**, and now has a retractable roof (= it opens and closes). The court can therefore be **covered** quickly in bad weather, so matches can be played indoors.

A standard Olympic swimming pool is 50 metres **long**, 25 metres **wide**, and has a **minimum depth** of two metres.



GLOSSARY

stadium	a large structure where people sit and watch sport
ground	an area of land that is used for something special: a sports ground
club	A football club is the team, the management and the ground.
spectator	a person watching an event, especially a sports event
court	a place where tennis, basketball or badminton are played
worldwide	everywhere in the world worldwide adj SYN all over the world
therefore <small>formal</small>	for that reason
covered	If sth is covered , it has sth over it.
standard	normal, not special
minimum	smallest possible or smallest allowed OPP maximum

SPOTLIGHT *long, wide, deep; length, width, depth*

Long, wide and **deep** can describe measurements.

- The pool is **50 metres long**. = The **length** of the pool is 50 metres.
- The pool is **25 metres wide**. = The **width** of the pool is 25 metres.
- The pool is **two metres deep** at one end. = The **depth** of the pool at one end is two metres.

4 Complete the sentences.

- The team, its management and the ground are all part of a football **club**.....
- 1 The noun from **long** is
- 2 The noun from **wide** is
- 3 The opposite of **minimum** is
- 4 The noun from **deep** is
- 5 **All over the world** is another way of saying
- 6 **Therefore** is another word for

5 Complete the words in each text.

- 1 Unfortunately, we don't have a ► **standard** Olympic swimming p..... The one we use for competitions is only 25 metres l..... and 15 metres w..... The m..... d..... is for Olympic pools is 1.35 metres, but five metres at the diving end.
- 2 Arsenal Football Club built a new s....., which now holds over 60,000 s.....
- 3 The French Open Tennis Championship at Roland Garros attracts w..... attention from tennis fans, and is the only one of the four major tournaments that is played on a clay c.....
- 4 The Millennium rugby s..... in Cardiff also has a retractable roof, and t..... the ground can be c..... in wet weather and the games played in much better conditions.

6 Can you answer these quiz questions with the name of the sport and the place?

- Stade de France is a famous **rugby** stadium in **Paris**.....
- 1 The Bernabeu is a famous stadium in
- 2 Centre Court at is the most famous court for
- 3 Wembley is a famous stadium in
- 4 Monza in and Hockenheim in are famous worldwide for
- 5 Juventus is a famous team in



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