67 Sport: people and places

A People and equipment



Motor racing drivers wear a **crash helmet.**



Tennis players hit the ball with a **racket.**



Referees blow a **whistle.**



Linesmen wave a **flag.**



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 .....
2 golf .....
3 athletics .....
4 boxing .....
5 (motor) racing .....
6 rugby .....
7 ski .....
8 gymnastics .....

2 Answer the questions.

▶ Who uses a bat? A baseball player
1 Who blows a whistle? .....
2 Who stands in front of a net? .....
3 Who wears a crash helmet? .....
4 Who waves a flag? .....
5 Who uses a stick? .....
6 Who shouts a lot? .....
7 Who uses a racket? .....
8 Who plays with an oval ball? .....

3 Complete the sentences.

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

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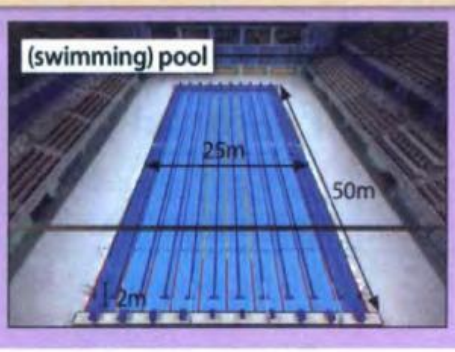
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B Places

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 *formal*	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 Millenium 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 Hochenheim in _____ are famous worldwide for _____.
5 Juventus is a famous _____ team in _____.

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