

Skills Time!

Lesson Five

Reading

1 What do you know about tennis?

2 Listen and read.  34

Tennis is a very popular sport all over the world. Every year, tennis fans watch the Wimbledon Championships, the French Open, the US Open or the Australian Open to see their favourite players. Tennis is also an Olympic sport.

How did the game of tennis begin?

In the 12th century, people in France played a game called "Paume". At first, they hit a ball with the palms of their hands. Later, they started wearing a leather glove to hit the ball.

In the 16th century, people used simple rackets to play Paume. They started to call the game "Tennis", because the players shouted the French word "Tenez!" ("Let's play") at the start of each game. Many kings in Europe played tennis. King Henry VIII of England loved the game. He built an indoor tennis court at his favourite palace.

In 1873, people started to play tennis outside. They called the outdoor game "lawn tennis". There were new rules and a different court. Lawn tennis is the same as modern tennis.

In 1877, 22 tennis players entered the first World Tennis Championship at Wimbledon in the UK. The first winner was Spencer Gore. At first, only men played tennis at Wimbledon, but in 1884, women started playing in the championships, too.



The first tennis balls were wooden!

Wimbledon was first on TV in 1937.



Venus and Serena Williams were the first sisters to win Olympic gold medals in tennis.



3 Underline these words in the text. Guess their meanings and then check them in the Workbook 4 Dictionary (page 132).

fans medals championship leather court hit rules

4 Read again and complete the sentences.

- 1 The game of "Paume" came from _____.
- 2 People wore leather _____ to hit the ball.
- 3 "Tenez" is a _____ word.
- 4 Henry VIII built a tennis _____ at his palace.
- 5 In 1873, people played tennis _____.
- 6 Spencer Gore was the first _____ of Wimbledon.

Listening

1 Listen and circle the sports the children like.  35



swimming /
gymnastics



riding a bike /
football



football /
riding a bike



basketball /
volleyball

2 Listen again and write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 Sara loves playing team sports. F 2 Kareem plays his sport in the park. _____
3 Harry does his favourite sport at a sports field. _____ 4 Rosy likes playing in a team. _____

Speaking



3 Ask and answer about with your friend. Remember to use the correct verb.

with play	with do	with go
football	gymnastics	swimming
volleyball	athletics	skiing
basketball	judo	running
tennis	karate	cycling

What do you like doing?

I like playing / doing / going ...

Where do you play / do / go ...?

I play / do / go ...

What do you wear?

I wear ...

Writing preparation

Remember! **It's** shows the short form of **is**: **It's** new. = **It is** new.
And the short form of **has**:
It's got wings. = **It has** got wings.
Its is a **possessive adjective**.
There is a horse on the farm. **Its** name is Star. (the horse's name)
Look at the dinosaur! **Its** teeth are long. (the dinosaur's teeth)

4 Write *It's* or *Its*.

- The sports centre is great. It's got a pool and basketball courts.
- We've got a parrot. _____ wings are green and blue.
- Oh no! _____ going to rain.
- The T-Rex was very big, but we don't know the colour of _____ skin.

Complete the writing tasks on pages 34–35 of the Workbook.

