



- Three teenagers talk about their experiences connected with sports. Identify the sports they are talking about.
- a We were at a disadvantage from the start: our best striker had been injured two days before during practice. But we still could have made it if it hadn't been for that referee. When Nick scored, the ref said it was offside, and then in the second half he awarded them a penalty for a foul that had never happened ... and Jack didn't manage to defend it. We lost four-one.
- b It was a difficult match. They've got this point guard who's very good at three-point shots, and after the second quarter they were ten points ahead of us. Then the coach asked for time-out, told us off, substituted Tommy for Greg as forward, and you should have seen Tommy's slam dunks! And he's not even that tall! We finally won 74:68 in overtime.
- c It was sheer pleasure to watch Laura play. In the first game she served three aces. Her opponent has a strong forehand and she managed to win the second game, but her backhands can't really compare with Laura's. When I heard the umpire say game, set, match to Miss Wood, I was on the verge of tears ... I hope she does equally well in the doubles.

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT

- Match the sports to the equipment used to play them.
  - 1 ice hockey
- 2 baseball

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- 3 golf
- 4 snooker
- 5 tennis 6 badminton
- a racket, shuttlecock
- b racket, balls
- c stick, puck
- d bat, glove, ball
- e club, balls
- f cue, balls

## SPORTS QUIZ

- (I) Choose the two correct answers to each question.
  - 1 Which sports are played on a court?
    - c baseball a tennis **b** basketball
  - 2 Which sports are played on a pitch?
  - a football b volleyball c rugby
  - 3 Which sports are played with bats? c table tennis a golf **b** cricket
  - 4 Which sporting events take place on a track? a running b motorcycle racing c archery
  - 5 Which verbs fit this phrase: 'to ... a sporting event'? a hold **b** lead c organise
  - 6 Which are the correct collocations? Two athletes tested ... for performance-enhancing drugs. a well **b** positive

## WORD BUILDING

- Complete the sentences with words formed from the words in brackets.
  - 1 | can't go riding; I'm\_ \_(ALLERGY) to horses.
  - 2 After the operation, she made a remarkably speedy (RECOVER).
  - 3 At the 2006 World Cup Michael Owen suffered an (INJURE) which took him a year to recover from
  - 4 Jesse Owens was an African American (ATHLETICS) who won four gold medals at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin.
  - 5 Most champion (SKI) come from montainous regions.
  - 6 Lance Armstrong is the only \_ (CYCLE) to have won the Tour de France seven consecutive
  - 7 My cousin's school certificate lists all his sporting (ACHIEVE).