

# Sports

Read the text and complete the exercise below

A very fast and often violent game, **American football** teams can have as many as fifty members, although only eleven can play on the field. The players must wear protective helmets and thick pads, adding eight kg to their weight. They run with the ball in their hands and members of the attacking team can tackle the player with the ball. The main goal of the game is to send the ball down the field and across the opponent's goal line for a touchdown (7 points). An extra point is added if they kick the ball through the goalposts. The best players are heavy, strong, and tall. They must also run very fast.

**Baseball** is American's national sport. It is played with long wooden bats and a small, hard ball, by two teams of nine players, who are frequently replaced during the game. On the whole, there are usually twenty-five members on a team. Each player tries to hit the ball and then, runs around the four bases before the other team can return the ball. Players do not have to be very tall or strong, but they must run fast. The goal of the game is to score as many "runs" as possible. the most exciting play is when the batter (the player in the center of the diamond-home plate) hits a ball very far and goes around all the bases without stopping for home run, also called a homer. Although many people think baseball is too slow, most American families find it exciting.

**Football**, also called **Soccer**, is the most popular sport in Britain. It is a very hard, fast, and exciting game with simple rules. It's played by two teams of eleven players each, who kick the round ball up and down the football field or pitch, trying to score goals. The team with the most goals after 90 minutes is the winner. If neither team scores, we call it a draw. When players leave the field, a substitute takes his place. A team has usually around twenty-five players, who must be strong and run fast. The game is controlled by a referee and two linesmen.

- Read the features and write the sport that each of them describes.

Feature	Sport
1. Players do not have to be very fast or strong.	1. _____.
2. It is often violent.	2. _____.
3. It's the most popular sport in Britain.	3. _____.
4. It can have fifty members.	4. _____.
5. The best players are heavy, strong, and tall.	5. _____.
6. It has simple rules.	6. _____.
7. The players of this sport run with the ball in their hands.	7. _____.
8. The goal of the game is to score as many "runs" as possible.	8. _____.
9. The game is controlled by a referee.	9. _____.
10. Many people think that this sport is slow.	10. _____.
11. The members of this sport must wear protective helmets.	11. _____.