

Match the sports with the descriptions.

1 basketball 2 rugby 3 tennis

- a There are two players. The players hit a ball.
- b There are two teams. There are 15 players in a team.
- c There are two teams. The players put a ball in a basket.

Read and listen

The history of sports

Wimbledon in the UK is famous for **tennis**, but the game is **originally** from France. The name comes from the French word 'tenir' or 'take.'

King Louis X was one of the first

players in the 14th century. There was a tennis court in his home and there was one in the Louvre **Palace** in Paris, too. But it wasn't the tennis that we know today. It was similar to the Basque game Pelota, with players using their hands to **hit** the ball. There weren't tennis rackets until the 1700s.



The creator of **basketball** was Dr James Naismith. He was from Canada, but he was a PE teacher in Massachusetts in the US. Massachusetts is very cold in winter and it wasn't possible for students to do sports outside. His idea was to play a game in the school gym. There was a fruit **basket** in the gym so he put it above

the door. The game was to put a football in the basket. There wasn't **a hole** in the basket so it was difficult to get the ball out! Now, of course, there is a hole.

Rugby is a type of football and it is also the name of a school in the UK. The game comes from this school. There is a popular story about the first game of rugby. In 1823, there was a student at the school called William Webb Ellis. Ellis was a player in the football team. For Ellis, the game was slow so one day he decided to run with the ball in his hands. We don't know if the story is true, but the name of the Rugby World Cup **trophy** today is the Webb Ellis Cup.



Match the underlined words in the text with these definitions.

- 1 a big house for kings and queens
- 2 move an object with force
- 3 first, at the start
- 4 a cup or similar object that winners win
- 5 an open space
- 6 an object you use for carrying or keeping other things in

Complete the sentences with words from 5.

- 1 The king or queen of England lives in Buckingham
- 2 My mum takes a to the shops to carry her shopping in.
- 3 The names of all the winners are on the Wimbledon
- 4 Oh no! There's a in my shoe!
- 5 My parents are from China, but now we live in the US.
- 6 Baseball players a ball with a bat.