

BEFORE YOU WATCH

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you play any sports in your free time?
- 2 What sports do you watch? Why do you like them?
- 3 What sports are popular in your country?

2 a Work in pairs. Read the infographic. Which information do you think is interesting/surprising? Why?

b Work in groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you know any other interesting tennis facts?
- 2 Are there any famous tennis events in your country?
- 3 Are there any famous tennis players from your country?

3 Read the infographic again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Tennis scores are 15, 30 and 45. ____
- 2 Tennis players always wear white clothes at Wimbledon. ____
- 3 Andy Murray has got three Olympic gold medals. ____
- 4 In 2019, people at Wimbledon ate 28,000 kilos of apples. ____
- 5 The four Grand Slams are the French Open, the US Open, the UK Open and the Australian Open. ____
- 6 Serves can sometimes be over 160 mph. ____
- 7 Players use about 50,000 rackets at Wimbledon. ____
- 8 A million people watched Wimbledon on TV in 2018. ____

4 Skim the infographic again. Complete the definitions with the words in bold.

- 1 _____, (n) the thing you use to hit the ball in tennis
- 2 _____, (n) someone who watches a sports game
- 3 _____, (n) the number of points each player has
- 4 _____, (n) events where people compete against each other
- 5 _____, (n) the action in a game of tennis when you throw the ball in the air and hit it
- 6 _____, (n) the areas where people play tennis

TENNIS

Tennis is a popular **racket** sport and millions of people play it. Here are some interesting facts about it.

4 Grand Slams

There are four important tennis competitions – Wimbledon in the UK, the French Open, the US Open and the Australian Open.

163 mph

The speed of Samuel Groth's **serve** in 2012.



53,000

Tennis players use about 53,000 balls at Wimbledon.



White

Tennis players always wear white clothes at Wimbledon

28,000

Spectators often eat strawberries and cream at Wimbledon. In 2019, they ate 28,000 kilos of strawberries.



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Tennis **courts** are 23 metres long and 8 or 11 metres wide.

1 billion

In 2018, about a billion people watched Wimbledon on television.

Olympics

Tennis is an Olympic sport. Andy Murray won the gold medal for the UK in 2012 and 2016.



Love

The first point in a game of tennis is 15. The next point is 30, then 40. And the **score** of a player with no points isn't zero, but *love*.

WHILE YOU WATCH

5 Watch the video. Work in pairs and answer the questions.

1 Why is Esme at the tennis club?

2 Who does she meet?

3 What does he show her?

4 Who does she play tennis with?

5 Does she enjoy her lesson?

6 Watch the video from 00:14–02:50. Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 British people love football, rugby and *basketball/cricket*.
- 2 Over 700,000/750,000 people play tennis twice a month in the UK.
- 3 Georgians Tennis Club has got 250/350 members.
- 4 The members' ages range from six years old to 60/70 years old.
- 5 The club teaches *only advanced level tennis/all levels of tennis*.
- 6 The first shot Esme learns is the *forehand/serve*.
- 7 The instructor tells Esme to swing the racket to her *head/shoulder*.
- 8 Esme feels *excited/nervous* about her first group class.

7 a Watch the video from 02:50–03:35. What questions does Esme ask both the speakers?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

b Watch the video from 02:50–03:35 and complete the texts.

- 1 Speaker 1 plays tennis _____ a week. He usually plays with his university _____. They are in a _____ together. He likes playing tennis because he loves the competition and the _____ is good for you.



- 2 Speaker 2 plays tennis twice a week, on _____ and _____. She usually plays with her _____, Oliver.



8 Watch the video from 03:47 to the end. Why does Esme say tennis is popular? Write three reasons.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

AFTER YOU WATCH

9 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you play or watch tennis? Do you like it?
- 2 Is tennis popular in your country?
- 3 What other sports are a good way to meet new people?

10 a Work in pairs. Make a list of your favourite sports and activities.

b Choose one sport or activity from your list. Complete the notes.

• What's the name of the sport?

• How often do you play it?

• Where do you play it?

• Who do you play with?

• Why do you like it?

c Work in groups. Discuss your favourite sports or activities. Ask follow-up questions for more information.

A: What's your favourite sport?

B: Cricket!

A: Me too! How often do you play it?

B: Once a week.