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British sports

Before you watch

1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What are your favourite sports?
- 2 Can you explain the rules?
- 3 What sports are popular in Britain?

Comprehension check

2  Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In which sport can players use their hands and feet to control a ball?
a football b rugby c basketball
- 2 Which sport has the oldest rules?
a football b rugby c cricket
- 3 Which sport is played in the Ashes tournament?
a football b rugby c cricket

3  Watch again. Choose the correct words to describe what you see.

- 1 a girl **kicking** / **catching** an orange football
- 2 a man in white **kicking** / **running with** a rugby ball
- 3 girls in dark blue playing **hockey** / **tennis**
- 4 a team in yellow playing **football** / **rugby**
- 5 a man in red **playing** / **refereeing** a rugby match
- 6 a **cricket** / **rugby** stadium in Australia

4  Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Two hundred years ago, _____ games were popular in private schools in Britain.
- 2 The sport of _____ officially began in 1871.
- 3 In cricket, each team has _____ players.
- 4 In August 1882, _____ beat England in a cricket match.
- 5 There are _____ matches in an Ashes tournament.
- 6 _____ has won the Ashes 31 times.

Round up

5 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Have you ever played cricket? Would you like to? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 **RECYCLE** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. You may also need to add a prefix or a suffix.

- When England lost the match, I was so _____ that I started crying. (happy)
- We were very _____ when a girl from our school won a gold medal. (pride)
- He experienced a lot of _____ before the final match of the tournament. (anxious)
- The man reacted _____ when I asked him to stop talking during the tennis match. (anger)
- He should feel _____ for scoring a goal with his hands. It was wrong. (shame)
- _____, Germany won the match. They had the best team and played really well. (surprise)

7 Complete the text with the words below.

committee representatives rivalry rules tournament trophy

The Six Nations Championship

Every year in February and March, six European countries – England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales – play in the Six Nations rugby ¹ _____. The organising ² _____, part of Rugby Europe, which includes ³ _____ from each of the countries involved, arranges the matches. The ⁴ _____ are simple: every country plays every other country once, and the team with the most points at the end is the winner and is awarded the Championship ⁵ _____. It is hugely popular with European rugby fans, and there is always great ⁶ _____ between the countries, especially, it seems, when England is playing. So, if you're visiting any of the countries involved in February or March next year, make sure you watch a game.