

67 Sport: people and places

A People and equipment



Motor racing drivers wear a crash helmet.



Tennis players hit the ball with a racket.



Referees blow a whistle.



Linesmen wave a flag.



Hockey players hit the ball with a stick.



Baseball players hit the ball with a bat.



Goalkeepers try to stop the ball going into the net.



Rugby players play with an oval ball.



Supporters (also called fans) use their voices and shout a lot.

SPOTLIGHT the suffix -er and player

We usually add the suffix -er to a sport or an action verb to form the person who does the sport.

footballer golfer swimmer skier racing driver boxer

In some cases, we use **player**:

tennis player ice hockey player rugby player baseball player

But:

athletics/athlete gymnastics/gymnast

1 Cover the spotlight box and complete the list of people.

- ▶ football footballer
- 1 tennis
- 2 golf
- 3 athletics
- 4 boxing

- 5 (motor) racing
- 6 rugby
- 7 ski
- 8 gymnastics

2 Answer the questions.

- ▶ Who uses a bat? A baseball player
- 1 Who blows a whistle?
- 2 Who stands in front of a net?
- 3 Who wears a crash helmet?
- 4 Who waves a flag?

- 5 Who uses a stick?
- 6 Who shouts a lot?
- 7 Who uses a racket?
- 8 Who plays with an oval ball?

3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ You use a bat when you're playing baseball.
- 1 Lewis Hamilton took off his crash and waved to his supporters.
- 2 The referee blew his for the end of the game.
- 3 One of the players hit the ball so hard that his hockey broke.
- 4 The linesman was his, but the referee didn't notice.
- 5 The supporters in front of me were angry and they were at the referee.
- 6 They scored, and the goalkeeper had to pick the ball out of the back of the
- 7 Zverev picked up his and went to the back of the tennis court.
- 8 In baseball, you hit the ball with a baseball



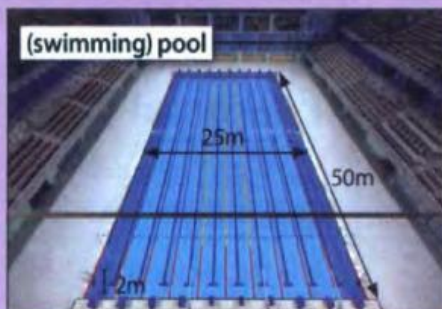
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B Places

The Camp Nou Stadium, the **ground** of Barcelona Football Club, is the largest stadium in Europe and holds 98,800 spectators.

The Centre Court at Wimbledon is famous **worldwide**, and now has a retractable roof (= it opens and closes). The court can **therefore** be **covered** quickly in bad weather, so matches can be played indoors.

A **standard** Olympic swimming pool is 50 metres **long**, 25 metres **wide**, and has a **minimum** depth of two metres.



GLOSSARY

stadium	a large structure where people sit and watch sport
ground	an area of land that is used for something special: a sports ground
club	A football club is the team, the management and the ground.
spectator	a person watching an event, especially a sports event
court	a place where tennis, basketball or badminton are played
worldwide	everywhere in the world worldwide adj SYN all over the world
therefore formal	for that reason
covered	If sth is covered , it has sth over it.
standard	normal, not special
minimum	smallest possible or smallest allowed OPP maximum

SPOTLIGHT *long, wide, deep; length, width, depth*

Long, wide and **deep** can describe measurements.

- The pool is **50 metres long**. = The **length** of the pool is 50 metres.
- The pool is **25 metres wide**. = The **width** of the pool is 25 metres.
- The pool is **two metres deep** at one end. = The **depth** of the pool at one end is two metres.

4 Complete the sentences.

- The team, its management and the ground are all part of a football club.
- The noun from **long** is _____.
 - The noun from **wide** is _____.
 - The opposite of **minimum** is _____.
 - The noun from **deep** is _____.
 - All over the world** is another way of saying _____.
 - Therefore** is another word for _____.

5 Complete the words in each text.

- Unfortunately, we don't have a ► standard Olympic swimming p_____. The one we use for competitions is only 25 metres l_____ and 15 metres w_____. The m_____ d_____ is for Olympic pools is 1.35 metres, but five metres at the diving end.
- Arsenal Football Club built a new s_____, which now holds over 60,000 s_____.
- The French Open Tennis Championship at Roland Garros attracts w_____ attention from tennis fans, and is the only one of the four major tournaments that is played on a clay c_____.
- The Millenium rugby s_____ in Cardiff also has a retractable roof, and t_____ the ground can be c_____ in wet weather and the games played in much better conditions.

6 Can you answer these quiz questions with the name of the sport and the place?

- Stade de France is a famous rugby stadium in Paris.
- The Bernabeu is a famous _____ stadium in _____.
 - Centre Court at _____ is the most famous court for _____.
 - Wembley is a famous _____ stadium in _____.
 - Monza in _____ and Hohenheim in _____ are famous worldwide for _____.
 - Juventus is a famous _____ team in _____.



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