

*Action verbs and sports expressions*

Q1 People have ..... against each other in bowling for thousands of years.  
 (a) originated      (b) competed      (c) enjoyed      (d) gained

Q2 The French probably originally ..... tennis in about 1150.  
 (a) developed      (b) imagined      (c) competed      (d) invented

Q3 Martina Navratilova ..... into one of the world's greatest tennis players.  
 (a) excelled      (b) played      (c) developed      (d) established

Q4 Michael Schumacher has ..... Formula 1 racing over the past decade.  
 (a) competed      (b) invented      (c) dominated      (d) excelled

Q5 Helen Moody ..... a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.  
 (a) set      (b) played      (c) starred      (d) defeated

Q6 In Germany during the Middle Ages, people ..... bowling at village dances.  
 (a) competed      (b) gained      (c) enjoyed      (d) brought

Q7 Ellen Hanson ..... the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.  
 (a) developed      (b) dominated      (c) earned      (d) starred

Q8 Mary E. Outerbridge ..... the first tennis court in New York City in 1874.  
 (a) originated      (b) competed      (c) dominated      (d) established

Q9 Althea Gibson ..... to play tennis on the streets of New York City.  
 (a) earned      (b) learned      (c) competed      (d) excelled

Q10 In 1926, Suzanne Lenglen ..... in the first U.S. professional tennis tour.  
 (a) invented      (b) learned      (c) starred      (d) enjoyed