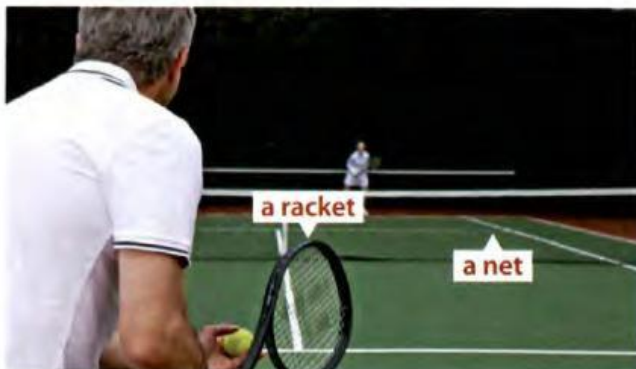


13/Sport

Words you need...



► **a tennis court**

- **to beat someone** to be better than someone else in a sports competition
- **the captain** the leader of a sports team
- **a fan** someone who likes a particular sport or supports a person or team in a sport
- **a goal** 1 a point scored in a sport such as football
2 the place where the ball has to go to score a point
- **to lose (something)** to not win



► **a stadium**

- **a match (UK)/a game (US)** a sports competition in which two players or teams play against each other
- **a race** a competition in which people try to run/ride/drive, etc., faster than everyone else
- **the score** the number of points that each person or team has
- **a team** a group of people who play a sport together against another group

Exercise 1 13.2

Use the words from the boxes to complete the newspaper reports. Listen and check.

score match stadium ~~fans~~ goal

Another win for Barça

Tens of thousands of ¹ fans enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Real Madrid's Bernabeu ² _____ yesterday. At first, the Barcelona team seemed tired, but when Real Madrid got their first ³ _____ after 15 minutes, they woke up and the ⁴ _____ at the end of the ⁵ _____ was Barcelona 3, Real Madrid 1.

court team captain racket beat

Harris the champion!

Mark Harris, ⁶ _____ of the British tennis ⁷ _____ today won his match against Frenchman Giles Dubost. At first, Harris seemed to be having trouble with his ⁸ _____, but when he changed to another one, his game improved, and he eventually ⁹ _____ Dubost after nearly five hours on the ¹⁰ _____.

Exercise 2

Match each sentence with a person from the box.

tennis player golfer ~~runner~~
footballer rugby player swimmer

- 1 He won the race by 0.3 of a second. runner
- 2 She ran up to the net and hit the ball. _____
- 3 He kicked the ball into the goal. _____
- 4 She moved quickly through the water. _____
- 5 He managed to carry the ball over the line. _____
- 6 She hit the ball into a group of trees. _____

People who do sports

With many sports, we make the name of someone who does them by adding **-er** to the name of the sport or to a verb connected to it:

football ► **footballer** golf ► **golfer**
swim ► **swimmer** run ► **runner**

For sports where this does not happen, the word **player** is often used:

- *a tennis player, a rugby player, a hockey player*