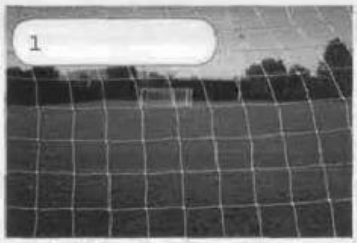
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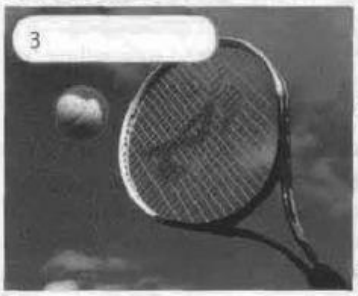
VOCABULARY Sports and games verbs











A Choose the correct verb in italics in the following sentences:

1 Liverpool *won / beat* Juventus 2–0 yesterday.
2 Gerrard *scored / kicked* both goals.
3 In the Chelsea–Manchester City match last night, Chelsea *drew / won* 3–2.
4 When I last *scored / timed* myself running, I ran three miles in ten minutes.
5 My dad has always *beaten / supported* Liverpool, but to be honest, I prefer Arsenal.
6 In rugby, players *throw / kick* the ball when they pass it to their team mates.

B Match words from boxes A and B to write a list of ten sporting collocations. Some words in A are used more than once.

A	football	running	tennis	golf
	swimming	dance	sports	

B	pool	event	racket	pitch
	course	class	track	gear
	clubs	court		

C Label the items from exercise B in the photographs.

D Match the sentence halves.

1 I'm going to try out the new 18-hole golf	a events on in the area this weekend?
2 Jim, have you got your swimming	b racket, and I'm playing in a tournament in half an hour!
3 Are there any good sports	c class at 7.30 this evening?
4 Alice, haven't you got a dance	d course at Bagshot this afternoon.
5 Mum, I can't find my tennis	e track near here? I've brought my trainers.
6 Is there a good running	f gear ready? It's time to go.

GRAMMAR Superlatives

A Look at the spelling rules in the Language note. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets:

1 The ..... (exciting) thing I've ever done was jump from an aeroplane with a parachute.
2 The ..... (big) party I've ever had was for my 21st birthday, when I invited 100 people.
3 The ..... (easy) exam I've ever taken was my driving test. I passed first time!
4 The ..... (good) holiday I've ever had was in Thailand two years ago. I met my girlfriend there and fell in love!
5 The ..... (expensive) car I've ever bought was my BMW.
6 The ..... (hard) thing I've ever had to do was break up with my last boyfriend. He was really upset, and I felt guilty.
7 The ..... (bad) thing I've ever done was cheat in an exam at school. I got 80%, but I'd copied from my neighbour's paper.
8 The ..... (popular) football team in my country is Juventus.
9 The ..... (fit) guy I know is my break-dance instructor.
10 The ..... (successful) woman I know is my mum. She runs her own business, goes to the gym twice a week, and still finds time for us!

Language note

Remember how to form superlative adjectives:

1 words of one syllable take ***-est*** e.g. *old – the oldest*
2 words of three syllables or more take *the most*, or *the least* before them e.g. *intelligent – the most intelligent*
3 Some words of two syllables take *the* + ***-est***. e.g. *pretty – the prettiest*. Others take *the most; the least*. e.g. *aware – the most aware*

Always check the comparative and superlative forms of two-syllable adjectives as you learn them.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B **Write sentences with a superlative + the present perfect.**

e.g. It / bad / film / we / ever see.
It's the worst film we've ever seen.

1 This / expensive / car / I / ever buy.
.....

2 This / exciting / sport / I / ever try.
.....

3 That / big / pizza / I / ever see.
.....

4 That / good / game / he / ever play.
.....

5 She / successful / tennis player / I / ever know.
.....

6 That / easy / game / I / ever / win.
.....

C **Complete the sentences in the factsheet with the superlative of the adjectives in brackets.**

D **Complete the factsheet with the missing information (a–g) from the box below.**

98,772 people	594	3,000 miles
31 hours	$132 million	24 hours
8 days		

PRONUNCIATION

A **Place the groups of words under the correct symbols.**

/i/	/ei/	/æ/	/ist/	/ɪ/

1 largest cyclist fastest
2 challenging marathon badminton
3 ski easy team
4 win instruct business
5 play break race

B **5.2 Listen and check.**

C **Practise saying the words. Then, add the following words to the table.**

stadium	interesting	longest	complete
game	pretty	exam	achieve

SPORTS FACTSHEET

1 The [1] ..... (long) aerobics class lasted for [a] ..... and took place in a shopping centre car park in Colombia.

2 The world's [2] ..... (large) football stadium is Camp Nou in Barcelona, Spain. It can seat [b] ..... .

3 The world's [3] ..... (challenging) bicycle race is Race Across America (RAAM). It covers about [c] ..... .

4 The [4] ..... (fast) cyclist ever to complete the RAAM is Pete Penseyres. He covered 3,107 miles in [d] ....., 9 hours and 47 minutes in 1986.

5 Cristiano Ronaldo became the world's [5] ..... (expensive) football player after his Real Madrid transfer of [e] ..... .

6 The [6] ..... (large) ski lesson was attended by [f] ..... skiers, who were instructed by Hansjürg Gredig (Switzerland) of the Swiss-Snowsport School at Sarn-Heinzenberg (Graubünden), Switzerland, on 23 February 2008.

7 The [7] ..... (long) marathon playing tennis (singles) was [g] ..... 35 minutes and 30 seconds and was achieved by George L. Bolter and Athos Rostan III (both USA), in Hickory, NC, USA, on 8–9 November 2008.



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