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## THE GREATEST SPORTSMEN IN KAZAKHSTAN

### 1. LET'S REVISE THE SPORT NAMES. YOU SHOULD GUESS WHAT IS THE SPORT

- AMERICANFOOTBALL – ICESKATING - BASEBALL - SWIMMING - SKIING - GYMNASTICS – KARATE – PARACHUTING - TENNIS
1. A game played especially in the US by two teams of nine players, using a bat and a ball. Each player tries to hit the ball and then run around four bases before the other team can return the ball.
  2. An American game played by two teams of 11 players, using an oval ball which players kick, throw, or carry up and down the playing field. Teams try to put the ball over the other team's line.
  3. Physical exercises that develop and show the body's strength and ability to move and bend easily, often done as a sport in competitions.
  4. A Japanese system of fighting in which you use your hands and feet as weapons.
  5. The sport or activity of moving and dancing on ice on skates. You cut patterns in the ice and do jumps and spins.
  6. A game in which two or four players use rackets to hit a ball backwards and forwards across a net on a specially marked court.
  7. The sport or activity of moving through water in a horizontal position using your arms and legs.
  8. The sport or activity of moving over snow on skis, especially as a sport.
  9. A sport in which you jump from a plane and fall for as long as you safely can before opening a parachute.

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### **The famous sportsmen in Kazakhstan.**

Kazakhstan consistently performs in Olympic competitions. It is especially successful in boxing. This has brought some attention to the Central Asian nation, and increased world awareness of its athletes. Astana and Almaty *hosted* the 2011 Asian Winter Games.

In boxing, Kazakhstan performed well in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Two boxers, Bekzat Sattarkhanov and Yermakhan Ibraimov, earned gold medals. Another two boxers, Bulat Jumadilov and Mukhtarkhan Dildabekov, earned silver medals.

Gennady Gennadyevich Golovkin (born 8 April 1982), often known by his nickname "GGG" or "Triple G", is a Kazakhstani professional boxer who currently holds the unified WBA (Super), WBC, IBF, and IBO middleweight titles.

Cycling is Kazakhstan's most successful sport. Alexander Vinokourov represented Kazakhstan in his cycling career for the Astana team. Vinokourov finished 5th in the 2005 Tour de France. In 2006, Vinokourov's team became known as Astana, after a drug doping scandal forced his team Liberty Seguros from the 2006 Tour de France. Vinokourov helped form a new team and adopted the color of the Kazakhstan flag for its uniforms. Vinokourov won the gold medal in the Cycling Road Race at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

### **Exercise 3. True or False.**

2. Astana and Almaty hosted the 2011 Asian Winter Games.
3. In the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney two boxers, Bekzat Sattarkhanov and Yermakhan Ibraimov, earned gold medals.
4. Gennady Gennadyevich Golovkin (born 8 April 1982), is often known by his nickname "GGG" or "Triple G".
5. Vinokourov won the bronze medal in the Cycling Road Race at the 2012 London Olympic Games.
6. In 2006, Vinokourov's team became known as Astana and adopted the color of the Kazakhstani flag for its uniforms.

We use **the** with countable and uncountable nouns when we mention the noun for **a second time** or the noun is already known.

*I have a dog. The dog's name is Spike. He likes running in the park.*

**The or** \_\_\_\_\_

We use **the** with: names of

- families (the Smiths)
- nouns that are unique (the Eiffel Tower)
- rivers (the Seine) – nationalities (the Spanish)  
(We refer to all the people in Spain.)
- musical instruments (the guitar)

We don't use **the** with:

- first names (Ulan)
- towns/ cities (Astana)
- countries (Russia) (BUT: the UK, the USA),
- continents (Asia)
- meals (dinner)

Fill in: **a/an, the** or **zero** article.

*Үлгі: 1 My dad works in **.an.** office, but he plays **.-.** rugby at the weekend.*

2 ..... FC Kairat is one of the most famous football teams in ..... Almaty, ..... Kazakhstan.

3 He wants to swim across ..... Ural River. It flows through ..... Russia and ..... Kazakhstan.

4 I'm going to ..... football match in ..... UK. My country is playing against ..... English football team.