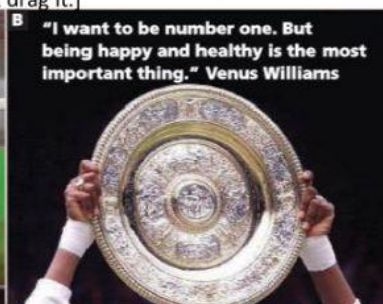


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Wordbuilding suffixes

- 1 Are any of the athletes in the photos famous in your country? Match the people (A–C) with these words.

tennis player ____ runner ____
soccer player ____

► WORDBUILDING suffixes

You can add *-er* to some sports to describe the person who plays the sport:

ski → *skier*, *golf* → *golfer*

You can add *player* to some sports:

tennis → *tennis player*, *baseball* → *baseball player*

Some sports don't use the suffix *-er* or *player*:

athletics → *athlete*, *cycle* → *cyclist*

- 6 Look at these opinions for and against competitive sports in schools. Which are the opinions for (F) and which are the opinions against (A)?

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| 1 Winning and losing teaches students about life. | (F) | A |
| 2 A lot of successful schools don't have competitive sports. | F | A |
| 3 Children get more exercise when they try to win. | F | A |
| 4 Winning isn't important as long as you do your best. | F | A |
| 5 Children learn to work well in teams when they play against other teams. | F | A |
| 6 Students learn to work hard by doing competitive sports. | F | A |
| 7 Some parents don't like losing and get angry with their children. | F | A |
| 8 All children are different, and some aren't good at sports. | F | A |
| 9 Competitive sports are fun. | F | A |

- 2 Work in pairs. Look at the wordbuilding box. What is the word for a person who:

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| 1 boxes? <i>boxer</i> | 5 plays chess? |
| 2 motorcycles? | 6 drives a racing car? |
| 3 plays basketball? | 7 does gymnastics? |
| 4 swims? | 8 goes surfing? |

2. _____
3. _____
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6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Listening

- 4 Read the quotes with the photos. Do you think winning is always important in sports? Why or why not? Discuss with a partner.

- 5 ► 11 Listen to three people talking about competitive sports in schools. Match the speakers (1–3) with their opinions (a–c).

- a Speaker ____ thinks non-competitive sports are a good idea.
- b Speaker ____ thinks competitive sports are a good idea in schools.
- c Speaker ____ thinks sports in schools are a good idea, but there can be problems.