READING 1

PREPARING TO READ

UNDERSTANDING KEY VOCABULARY

1 Match the opposites.

1 national	a fast
2 exciting	b local
3 slow	c boring

2 Write the words from the box in the gaps. Use a dictionary to help you.

player billion competitions result fan million questionnaire

1 A _____ has nine '0's – 1,000,000,000.
2 My favourite football _____ is Fernando Torres.
3 Every new student writes answers to the university _____.
4 Ali is a fast runner. He comes first in running _____.
5 Jolly loves tennis. She is a big _____ of the game.
6 A _____ has six '0's – 1,000,000.
7 The _____ of Liverpool's game is not very good – 7–0!

USING YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO PREDICT CONTENT

3 What are the top five favourite sports in the world? Write your ideas below.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

4 Work with a partner. Compare your answers to Exercise 3.

WHILE READING

READING FOR MAIN IDEAS

5 Read the text. Match the sports in the box to the correct paragraphs (1–5).

Field hockey Motor racing Cricket Tennis Football

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THE WORLD'S TOP FIVE FAVOURITE SPORTS

We asked 1,379 people from 18 different countries: 'What is your favourite sport?'.

Here are the results of our questionnaire.

1 _____

This is the number one sport in the world. There are over 3.5 billion fans! Millions of children play football at school. It is also the most popular sport to watch. Over 700 million people watch the World Cup on television. The most popular national teams are Brazil, Argentina and Spain. The most popular local teams are Manchester United, Real Madrid and Chelsea.

2 _____

Yes! Many people are surprised but it is true. Some people think this English game is slow and boring. But many people think it is fast and exciting. It is very popular in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand and England. 2.2 billion people watch the World Cup.

3 _____

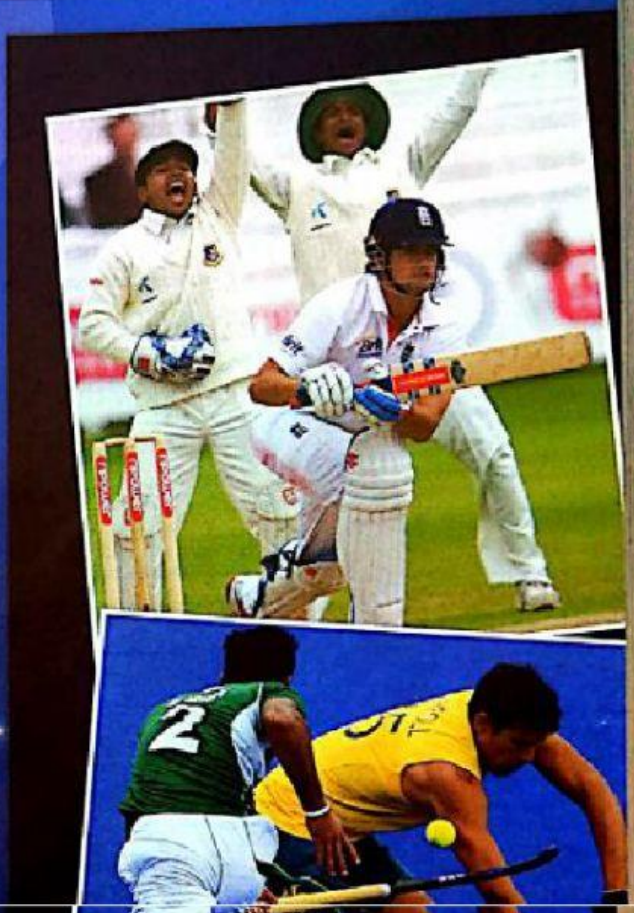
Another surprise! The number 3 sport in the world is not basketball or baseball. Almost 2 billion people around the world watch and play field hockey. The best teams are from Germany, Australia and Korea.

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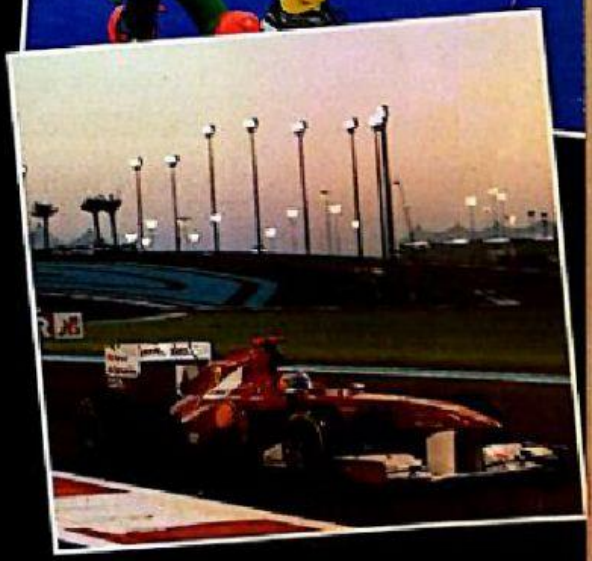
About 1 billion people in the world watch or play this game. The most popular competitions are the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open. Rafael Nadal from Spain and Maria Sharapova from Russia are famous players.

5 _____

Over 150 million people watch Formula 1 on television. Grand Prix races take place in over 18 countries, including Malaysia, Korea, Italy and the United Arab Emirates. Famous drivers include the Brazilian Ayrton Senna and Britain's Lewis Hamilton.







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SCANNING TO FIND INFORMATION

UNLOCK ONLINE

6 Read the text again. Write true (T) or false (F) next to the statements (1–8) below.

1 Brazil has a popular cricket team. _____
2 There is a famous Russian tennis player in the text. _____
3 Ayrton Senna was from Malaysia. _____
4 There are 2.2 billion football fans in the world. _____
5 The Australian Open is a tennis competition. _____
6 700 million people watch Formula 1. _____
7 Some people think cricket is slow. _____
8 Basketball is the number 3 sport in the world. _____

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