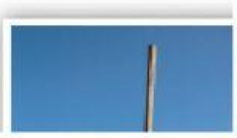
Lessons 13–14 Unusual sports from around the world

- Have you seen any of these sports before?
- Look at the largest photo. Try to guess what players do in this sport. Where did it start? What's the aim? Where is it played?



Match the sport to the picture

a. caber tossing
b. zorbing
c. polo
d. bossaball

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Reading

1 Scan the article and check your ideas.

Bossaball bounces onto the beach

1

It is like football, combined with volleyball, played on an inflatable court with trampolines on a beach. It is bossaball, and it has arrived here.

2

Bossaball was created in 2002 by a Belgian living in Spain and the first league was established in Belgium shortly afterwards. Other leagues have since appeared in countries such as Romania, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. The object of bossaball is to score points by grounding the ball on the opponents' court. Players do this by jumping on a trampoline that throws you up in the air. The game requires acrobatic skills, while players move their bodies in the air.

Successful shots by a player on the trampoline are worth three points, while shots from the court are worth one. The "bossa" is an inflatable ring that surrounds the trampoline and does not count as the court. The first team to 25 points wins the set and games consist of three sets.

4

Beach sports are very popular in the UAE, with many people living here thinking of the beach as the natural place for sports. Volleyball is the most subscribed sport with over 180 players in 26 different teams in the local league. Bossaball has arrived here and is now very popular.

3

2 Scan the article and complete the sentences.

1 Bossaball was created by _____.
2 There are leagues of Bossaball in many countries including _____, _____ and _____.
3 The inflatable ring _____ as the court.
4 There are _____ registered volleyball players in the UAE.

Reading strategy

When you have to find specific information, decide on key words you need to scan for before starting to read.

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1 Match the words below with the correct definition.

1 trampoline	a Movement which uses the whole body to jump and spin.
2 inflatable	b The place where a racquet sport is usually played.
3 a set of matches	c A piece of sports equipment which you jump up and down on.
4 court	d A decided on number of games.
5 volleyball	e A sport where people use their hand to tip a ball over the net.
6 acrobatic moves	f Something you can fill up with air to enlarge.

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