READING

1 Look at the photos of the sports and games. What can you see?

2 Read the three texts and match them to the photos.



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TRY THESE SPORTS!

1 CYCLE-BALL

This sport is like football on bikes. There are two teams. Each team has usually got two players. The bikes don't have any brakes to stop them. Players in each team try to hit the ball into the goal. They can use their bike or their heads to do this. The ball is quite heavy – it weighs half a kilogram. The winning team is the team with the most goals at the end of the game.

2 GILLI-DANDA

This is an ancient sport from India. The players use two things: one long stick, called a *danda* and a short egg-shaped bat, called a *gilli*. There are two teams. One player puts the *gilli* on the ground inside a small circle and hits it into the air with the *danda*. Then the player hits the *gilli* again and runs to touch a spot outside the circle to get a point.





3 OCTOPUSH

The sport is also called *underwater hockey*. There are two teams. Each team has got six players. Players swim underwater to play this game. They use small sticks and a puck. The puck is a little like a flat ball. It's heavy and weighs about a kilogram. Players try to push the puck along the bottom of a swimming pool into the other team's goal. The winning team is the team with the most goals at the end of the match.

Read the three texts again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

1 There are always two players in a cycle-ball team.
2 Cycle-ball players can't hit the ball with their hands.
3 The ball in cycle-ball is small and light.
4 *Gilli-danda* comes from India.
5 Players use a small ball in *gilli-danda.*
6 Sticks and bats in *gilli-danda* are the same size.
7 People play octopush in teams.
8 Players in octopush hit the ball, or puck, with their hands.
9 Players in octopush swim underwater to play their game.

TALKING POINTS

Which of these sports do you want to try? Do you have any sports like these in your country?

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