

Sport



Exercise 1

Reading

1 a) Which sports can you see in the pictures?

- sailing • fishing • cycling
- ice-skating • cricket
- basketball • hockey • judo
- wrestling • boxing • squash
- rugby • weightlifting
- swimming • rowing
- handball • baseball

b) Which of the sports in Ex. 1a are: *team sports*? *individual sports*? *both*? In pairs, compare your lists. Which is your favourite sport?

Sports Matching

Write the correct number in front of each word:

cycling ---	basketball ---	badminton ---
running ---	soccer ---	table tennis ---
volleyball ---	equestrian ---	ice skating ---
gymnastics ---	baseball ---	scuba diving ---
tennis ---	skateboarding ---	skiing ---
swimming ---	golf ---	wind surfing ---

Exercise 2

Read the text

The British are a sporting nation. Like everyone else they love football - in fact, they invented it. Most British towns and cities have a football team. Every year, each team plays in the Football Association competition. The two best teams play in the Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in London. Some fans pay up to £200 for a ticket for the Cup Final. It is one of the biggest sporting events of the year.

Cricket is a typically British game. The only other countries that play are Pakistan, India, the West Indies, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Cricket is a summer game, lovely to watch from under old trees on a village "green". It looks slow, but it can be exciting if you understand what's going on.

Cricket is a very long game. The big international matches go on for five days. But in the real English way, the players always stop for tea. Tennis is another popular game in Britain. Every summer, in June, the biggest international tennis tournament takes place at Wimbledon, a suburb of London.

Many British people who live near the sea, a lake, or a river enjoy sailing. If you are really enthusiastic, and rich enough to buy your own boat, you can take part in one of the annual sailing races or "regattas".

Exercise 3

Match the sentences

1. Football is	a) a very short game.
2. Cricket is	b) only for wealthy people.
3. Tennis is	c) original English game.
4. Sailing is	d) watched all over the world.

Exercise 4

Answer the questions

1. Where do the best teams play in the Cup Final?
2. Who invented football?
3. How many pounds does the ticket cost?
4. How many days can the big international matches go on?
5. When does the biggest tennis tournament take place?
6. What can people do if they are really enthusiastic and have their own boats?

Exercise 5

True/False

1. Football is invented by the British.
2. There are some football teams in some British towns.
3. In South Africa people play cricket.
4. Every year each team plays in the Football Association Competition.
5. Every summer, in June, the biggest tennis tournament takes place in London.
6. Many British people enjoy sailing.

Exercise 6 ↗

Guess what sports and games are described here:

- a. the sport of fighting with fists;
- b. the sport of riding in a small boat with sails;
- c. the sport of one who swims;
- d. the sport of playing a type of football with an oval ball;
- e. a game for two people who use rackets, a small soft ball and a low net;
- f. the sport of moving through the water in a boat without sails;
- g. the sport of going on horseback;
- h. a game played by two teams of 6 players each that is played on an ice field;
- i. an outdoor game, popular in Britain played in summer with a small ball by two teams of 11 players each, usually dressed in white.