

reading comprehension practice

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Group/Class _____

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READING

If you can't be successful at football, tennis or basketball why not try a similar sport!

Padel

I tried padel on holiday in Spain. It's similar to tennis, but the court is much smaller with a wall around it. It doesn't cost much to play and I think it's more exciting than tennis. I played this game with my dad against another pair. The scoring is the same as in tennis, but the rackets are solid, with no strings. When I came home, I found a court in my area and now we play every week for fun. You do get hurt sometimes when you run into the wall though! – **Luke**

Real Tennis

When I was studying in Cambridge, my friend Lucy invited me to play a game of real tennis. I'd never heard of real tennis before, but in fact it's how today's tennis was first played. The ball is heavier than a tennis ball and the rackets are made of wood. There's a wall around the court too. Although I'm good at tennis, Lucy beat me easily as she had more experience. Would I play it again? Possibly. The rules are quite complicated and you can only play it in the UK, Australia, the US and France! – **Colin**

Futsal

I love playing football, but the problem is that you need a large pitch to play and 11 players! I saw an advert for futsal and I persuaded four friends to join me. In futsal, both the pitch and the goals are smaller. We usually play on Saturday for an hour just for fun although people who play official matches play two halves of 20 minutes each. I can't wait for each game to come. It's a great sport because you can play it indoors and you don't get wet if it rains! – **Asha**

Beach Volleyball

I like sport, but I was never good enough to get into the basketball team. If you like outdoor sports and live near a beach, it's great fun. Official beach volleyball matches are played in teams of two, but we usually play with whoever is on the beach at the time! The more the better! You only need a ball and a net to play. It's a great way to make new friends and it doesn't cost anything! If I had more time, I'd play it all year! – **Daria**

So, if you wanted to try one of these sports, which one would you choose?

1 Scan the text and write the person who mentions these ideas. Use one person twice.

- 1 he/she lost the first game he/she played _____
- 2 he/she played with three other people _____
- 3 he/she usually plays for longer than in official matches _____
- 4 he/she didn't know that this sport existed _____
- 5 you can meet new people each time you play _____

Score: /5

2 Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1** Which statement is true?
- A** You can play padel in more than one country.
 - B** Padel is very expensive to play.
 - C** Tennis courts are not as big as padel courts.
 - D** Luke plays padel on his own now.
- 2** How does Colin feel about real tennis?
- A** uncertain if he will play it again
 - B** surprised that it isn't more popular
 - C** unhappy because he lost to his friend
 - D** confused about how to play it
- 3** How does Asha feel about futsal?
- A** disappointed the pitch isn't bigger
 - B** surprised that the pitch is so small
 - C** impatient to play each week
 - D** uncertain about how the weather will affect the match
- 4** What does Daria say about beach volleyball?
- A** She prefers playing in a team of two people.
 - B** She plays it all through the year.
 - C** It's better than basketball because you play it on a beach.
 - D** The number of people in her team is not always the same.
- 5** Which comment best answers the question at the end of the article?
- A** **MichaeIT – 10.00 am:**
I'm interested in keeping fit but I don't like swimming. Anyone want to run with me?
 - B** **SamW – 10.01 am:**
Wow! Some interesting sports. I think I'd play real tennis but I'd have to move to England!
 - C** **LouiseC – 10.17 am:**
I want to choose a new activity. What do readers think about netball?
 - D** **DavidC17 – 10.19 am:**
Can we have some articles about hockey, please? I'd like to meet some hockey players.

Score: /5