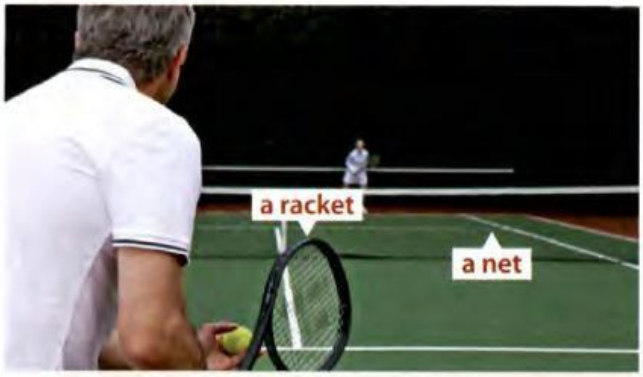
13/ Sport

Words you need... 13.1



▸ **a tennis court**



▸ **a stadium**

- ▸ **to beat someone** to be better than someone else in a sports competition
- ▸ **the captain** the leader of a sports team
- ▸ **a fan** someone who likes a particular sport or supports a person or team in a sport
- ▸ **a goal** 1 a point scored in a sport such as football 2 the place where the ball has to go to score a point
- ▸ **to lose (something)** to not win
- ▸ **a match** (UK)/**a game** (US) a sports competition in which two players or teams play against each other
- ▸ **a race** a competition in which people try to run/ride/drive, etc., faster than everyone else
- ▸ **the score** the number of points that each person or team has
- ▸ **a team** a group of people who play a sport together against another group

Exercise 1 13.2

Use the words from the boxes to complete the newspaper reports. Listen and check.

score match stadium ~~fans~~ goal

court team captain racket beat

Another win for Barça

Tens of thousands of [1] *fans* enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Real Madrid's Bernabeu [2] _____ yesterday. At first, the Barcelona team seemed tired, but when Real Madrid got their first [3] _____ after 15 minutes, they woke up and the [4] _____ at the end of the [5] _____ was Barcelona 3, Real Madrid 1.

Harris the champion!

Mark Harris, [6] _____ of the British tennis [7] _____ today won his match against Frenchman Giles Dubost. At first, Harris seemed to be having trouble with his [8] _____, but when he changed to another one, his game improved, and he eventually [9] _____ Dubost after nearly five hours on the [10] _____.

People who do sports

With many sports, we make the name of someone who does them by adding *–er* to the name of the sport or to a verb connected to it:

football ▸ *footballer* *golf* ▸ *golfer*
swim ▸ *swimmer* *run* ▸ *runner*

For sports where this does not happen, the word **player** is often used:

- ▸ *a tennis player, a rugby player, a hockey player*

Exercise 2

Match each sentence with a person from the box.

tennis player golfer ~~runner~~
footballer rugby player swimmer

1 He won the race by 0.3 of a second. *runner*
2 She ran up to the net and hit the ball. _____
3 He kicked the ball into the goal. _____
4 She moved quickly through the water. _____
5 He managed to carry the ball over the line. _____
6 She hit the ball into a group of trees. _____

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