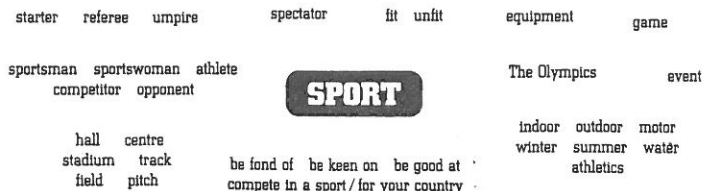


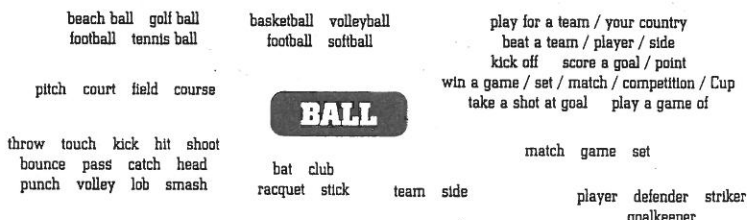
Sports

1 Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with a word or phrase from the diagram.



- I enjoy watching football but I've never been very good it.
- At our local sports centre you can play a wide variety of sports.
- I'm not too keen sports such as boxing.
- The you need for skiing, like boots and a ski suit, can be quite expensive.
- It's a pity that most people only support during the Olympics.
- Are you fond sports like tennis?
- Which do you prefer – summer or sports?
- Is swimming an or indoor sport in your country?
- Personally, I think the should have awarded a penalty.
- Athletes have to be extremely if they want to compete successfully.

2 Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with a word or phrase from the diagram.



- Ronaldo took a shot goal but the goalkeeper caught the ball.
- A good basketball player must be able to the ball to other players.
- Brazil Germany 2-1.
- In table tennis, you must let the ball on the table before you hit it.
- Bergkamp plays Arsenal in England.
- How many times has Germany the World Cup?
- If he gets this game, he'll win the set and could win the
- Martina the ball over her opponent's head to the back of the court.
- Tiger Woods' shot was superb – he the ball and it rolled ten metres and fell into the hole.
- We love playing in bare feet on the beach.

3 Complete the chart by adding the words below.

umpire	canoeing	ring	pool	snooker	golf
squash	coach	club	athletics	bowls	defender
rod	oar	course	field	swimming	motor racing
track	pitch	boxing	skiing	ground	tennis
skis	football	hockey	court	stadium	basketball
volleyball	player	referee	net	bat	judge
stick	whistle	team	goalkeeper	boots	trunks
captain	manager	diving	fishing	racquet	striker

places	games	sport	people	equipment

4 Fill in the blanks with a word from the chart above.

- Have you ever been to a boxing
- You can't row without one or two
- The person who selects the players for a game is the
- In table tennis you hit the ball with a round
- The official who makes sure players follow the rules in games like tennis, squash, and basketball is the
- London's most famous venue for international matches is Wembley
- When there is a foul during a football match, the referee blows his
- The football player who tries to score goals is called a
- We play squash and tennis on an indoor
- Marathon runners make one circuit of the before leaving the stadium.

5 Complete this text with the correct form of play, go, come or do.

I'm preparing to run in a marathon – that's a 40 kilometer road race. I (1) jogging every morning and (2) swimming twice a week. I (3) for a run most evenings and at weekends. I sometimes ask my son to (4) with me but he prefers to (5) horse-riding. My daughter (6) ballet at the sports centre and while she is at her class I (7) weight-lifting in the gym. I (8) to basketball practice regularly because I'm in the team and we (9) matches most weekends. In my lunch hour I often (10) squash with a colleague. By (11) so much exercise I hope to be really fit for the marathon. I'm not going to relax afterwards either – I plan to (12) skiing with my family in the Swiss Alps!

6 How much do you know about sports? Choose the right answer.

- You play golf on a golf
 - track.
 - course.
 - park.
- To score in hockey you hit the ball
 - into the net.
 - over a bar.
 - through a basket.
- A game ends in a draw when
 - a player is injured.
 - both sides have the same score.
 - one team gives up.
- You score goals in
 - table tennis.
 - squash.
 - ice hockey.

7 Which one is the odd one out? Why?

Example long jump diving high jump 100 metres
Diving is a watersports event, the others are athletics

- coach champion winner partner
- track pool changing room court
- sailing snowboarding waterskiing windsurfing
- match competition result game
- tennis volleyball table tennis basketball

What sports do people do at school in your country?
Which do you prefer; attending sporting events or watching them on television? Write a sentence to explain why.

Error warning

practise, practice

Remember that to **practise** a sport means to do training for a sport. Sports **practice** is the time when you do training:
I have swimming practice on Wednesdays.
I am not very good at back stroke so I really have to practise that more.
Practice is the noun. Practise is the verb.