

## A2.5 Sport

- 1 **This sports quiz is designed to present the topic in an interesting way. The questions are not too difficult, or at least it is easy to guess the answers. You might like to ask your partner if he or she watched the Olympic games when they were held in China (and the U.K.) and if they did which sports they enjoyed watching. You or your partner might notice that many of the questions make use of the passive voice. This is formed with the verb 'to be' and the past participle of the verb. It occurs naturally here because the sports are played by people in general and the focus is on the activity rather than the people playing.**
- 2 **These three descriptions also occasionally make use of passive voice, but always in the Present Simple tense (e.g. "This game is played.."). It should be possible, but hopefully not too easy, for your partner to guess which sport is referred to in each case. Especially as the three sports also appear in the photos above the boxes. The three sports are of course: 1.) football, 2.) cricket and 3.) tennis. The short texts can be read aloud by the native speaker first then by the language learner for pronunciation purposes.**
- 3 **These questions are designed to personalise the discussion. If you or your partner feels real antipathy towards the subject of sport (as is sometimes the case) then at least these questions allow for discussion of how some football players are paid too much.**
- 4 **These visuals are to stimulate discussion of which of these more unusual sports might appeal to you or your partner. The discussion should encourage use of the expression, "*I would prefer to...*". Probably, "go sailing", "go motorcycling" and "go flying" are natural continuations. However, we would be more likely to talk about whether we would prefer *to wrestle* or not (using the verb on its own).**
- 5 **Finally, there is a short piece of writing describing the rules of a chosen sport. Again, if you can help your partner to choose a sport and perhaps help with important vocabulary, this will greatly facilitate the writing process.**