

## A2.5 Sport

### Useful Language:

- **This game is played in the summer.**
- **The players usually wear white.**
- **I would prefer to go sailing.**

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**Do this sports quiz with your partner before checking your answers on the next page.**

### Sports Quiz

- 1.) Which year was the Olympics held in China?
- 2.) How many players are there in a volleyball team?
- 3.) What are the colours of the rings on the Olympic flag?
- 4.) How many pieces are there in a chess set?
- 5.) Which three sports are there in the Olympic triathlon?
- 6.) How many pockets are there on a snooker table?
- 7.) What is the highest possible score with three darts?
- 8.) Which sport is played at Wimbledon, England?
- 9.) What is the longest race in the Olympics called?
- 10.) If a football match needs 'extra time' to decide the winner, how many minutes is it played for?

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### Sports Quiz: Answers

- 1.) 2008 2.) 6 players 3.) blue, black, red, yellow and green  
4.) 32 pieces 5.) cycling, swimming and running 6.) 6 pockets  
7.) 180 is the highest score with 3 darts 8.) tennis  
9.) the marathon 10.) 15 minutes 'each way', so 30 minutes

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**Now name the sport.  
Which sport is  
described in each  
box?**



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**1.)** There are many games which are known by this name. However, they all share certain features. They are all played between two teams and involve moving the ball to the other team's end of the field. Players can only move the ball by using their body. The most popular of these sports worldwide is also called 'soccer' and a famous recent British player is David Beckham. Unfortunately, sometimes there is violence between fans of opposing teams at matches.

**2.)** This game is played between two teams of eleven players. It is very popular in Australia, India and the West Indies, as well as the U.K.. The players usually wear white and it is played mostly in the summer because wet weather makes it very difficult to play. The ball is hard and sometimes it can travel at a speed of over 90 miles per hour (140 km/hr). Therefore, the players often wear special gloves and other padded clothing to protect their legs.

**3.)** This game can be played on a hard or soft surface. It is usually played between two players (singles) or between two teams with two players on each side (doubles). The usual colour for the ball is now yellow, though it was traditionally white. Both men and women enjoy playing the sport. It is also a very popular spectator sport with four big events taking place in the year in the U.K., France, the U.S. and Australia.

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**Discuss the following questions with your partner:**



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- Which sports do you enjoy playing?
- When did you last play?
- Which sports do you enjoy watching?
- Do you support a team?
- Is there a sport you would like to learn?
- Do you think the Olympics should continue?  
Why/why not?
- Do some football players get paid too much money?
- Which is the most dangerous sport?

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**Which of these four sports would you prefer to take part in: motorcycling, wrestling, sailing or flying? Give your reasons...**



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**Is it dangerous?      Is it exciting?      Is it scary?  
Are you afraid of heights?      Are you afraid of water?**

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**Choose a sport with rules and then explain in writing how to play the sport to a friend who has never done it before.**

*Boxing can be very dangerous so, the two people doing it must protect their hands, their teeth and their heads...*

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*"Champions  
keep playing  
until they get it  
right."  
Billie Jean King*