

## 4B *Guess the sport*

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### Type of activity

Speaking. Group work.

### Aim

To practise vocabulary related to sports and sporting events.

To practise yes/no questions and short answers.

### Task

To guess the correct sport by asking relevant yes/no questions.

### Preparation

Make a copy of the worksheet for every four or five students. Cut up the worksheet as indicated.

### Timing

20–25 minutes

### Procedure

- 1 Tell the students you have a pack of cards. Each card has the name of a sport and some information about that sport on it.
- 2 Explain the rules of the game.
  - Students work in groups of four or five.
  - Each student in the group takes one card and reads it – without showing it to the others.
  - Students take turns to ask one yes/no question of any member of the group: *Is it a ball game? Do you play in teams?* They must nominate the person they want to ask: *My question is for Javier.*
  - The student answering the question should give short answers: *Yes, it is, No, you can't, I don't know, Sometimes, It depends ...*
  - Students can use their turn to make a guess (*Is it tennis?*). They may *only* guess during their turn. If the guess is right, the card holder drops out.
  - When only one student remains, the game is over and that student is the winner. Demonstrate the game if necessary.

- 3 Ask the students to form groups. Make sure that the seating arrangement allows them to listen to each other.
- 4 Give each group a set of cards facing down to be placed in the middle of the group. As they play the game, circulate and monitor.
- 5 When the first groups finish playing, get them to repeat the game with the remaining cards.

### Follow up

Each group thinks of a sport and answers questions from other groups.

### Notes & comments

As an alternative procedure, try telling the students that everybody has a starting score of 10 points: a wrong guess loses them 3 points and a correct guess earns them 3 points. Groups should keep their own written record of this. In this case, the winner is the student with the most points at the end.

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## SQUASH

Individual sport; two players.  
 Equipment: small rubber ball and racket.  
 Place: indoor court.  
 Objective: to hit the ball so that the opponent misses it.  
 Very fast game. Requires a lot of stamina. You don't usually play for a long time.



## BOXING

Individual sport. A fight between two people.  
 Equipment: big leather gloves.  
 Place: square ring.  
 Objective: to knock out or fight better than the opponent.  
 A fight is divided into 15 three-minute rounds.



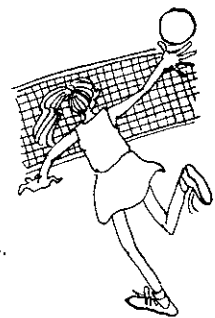
## SKIING

Individual sport.  
 Equipment: boots, skis and poles.  
 Place: outside. Snowy countryside, hills or mountains.  
 Objective: to move down hills or across the countryside in the snow.  
 In competition, skiers usually race against the clock.  
 It's a winter sport.



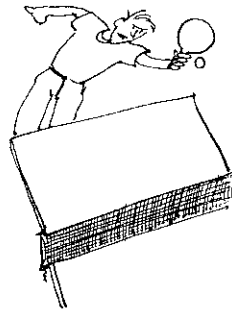
## VOLLEYBALL

Team sport. 6 players in each team.  
 Equipment: a large leather ball and a high net.  
 Place: indoor or outdoor court.  
 Objective: to hit the ball back and forth over the net with your hands.  
 The first team to reach 15 points wins.



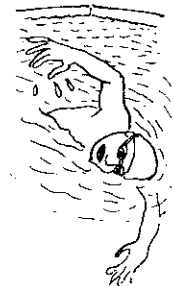
## TABLE TENNIS

Individual or doubles sport.  
 Equipment: bat and small ball.  
 Place: table with a low net, usually indoors.  
 Objective: to hit the ball back and forth over the net.  
 Also called ping-pong. The first player to reach 21 wins.



## SWIMMING

Individual sport or relay teams of 4.  
 Equipment: (optional) swimming cap and goggles.  
 Place: indoor or open air swimming-pools, rivers, lakes and the sea.  
 Objective: to move yourself through water as quickly as possible.  
 Strokes: crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.



## (FIELD) HOCKEY

Team sport. 11 players in each team.  
 Equipment: a stick and a ball.  
 Place: outdoor grass pitch.  
 Objective: to score goals.  
 Similar sports are played on ice or on roller-skates.



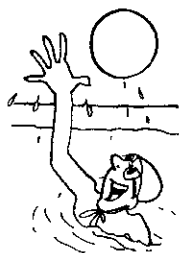
## ICE-SKATING

Individual or couples, especially in figure skating.  
 Equipment: ice-skates.  
 Place: ice rink.  
 Objective: to move across ice on special boots with thin metal blades.  
 Speed and figure skating are the two main varieties.



## WATER POLO

Team sport. Two teams of seven.  
 Equipment: ball, goalpost.  
 Place: swimming-pool.  
 Objective: to score goals.  
 You need to be a fast swimmer. It is played in 15-minute halves.



## RUGBY

Team sport. 15 players in each team.  
 Equipment: oval ball.  
 Place: outdoor grass pitch.  
 Objective: to kick the ball between the two upright posts and over the crossbar or touch the ball down over the line. Matches are divided into two 40-minute halves.

