

## Sport

1 Look at the sports. How many of them do you play with a ball?

'football	'tennis	'sailing	'rugby	'baseball
ath'letics	'rowing	ae'robics	'skiing	golf
squash	'volleyball	'badminton	'table 'tennis	gym'nastics
'cricket	'hockey	'fishing	'ice hockey	'boxing
'basketball	'swimming			

Match the sports to the correct verb: *play*, *go* or *do*.

For example:        *play football*        *go swimming*

What's the rule? When do we use *play*, *go* and *do*?

2 Look at the descriptions of the different sports below. Which sport is being described?

1 There are two *teams*. There are eleven *players* in each *team* on the *pitch*. The *players* wear *shirts*, *shorts* and *boots*. The *goalkeeper* *plays* in *goal*. The *striker* tries to *score goals*. The *team* that *scores* the most *goals* *wins* the *match*.

2 This sport is one of the most *popular* at the *Olympics*. You have to be *fit*, *fast* and *strong*. It includes *running* the 100 metres and the marathon, *throwing* the javelin, *putting* the shot, and doing the high jump and long jump.

3 This is a *popular* sport all over the world. The top *players* *play* in international *tournaments*. It is *played on a court* with *racquets* and *balls*. One *player* *serves* the *ball* over a *net* and his or her *opponent* has to *hit* it back.

4 People do this sport to *keep fit*. You have to *stretch* and *touch your toes*. It's very *tiring*. People often do this to music.

5 This is a *popular* sport with people of all ages. You *play* it on a *course* with different *clubs* and small white *balls*.

3 Look at the words in italics in exercise 2. Which of these words can you use to describe the following sports?

- a. squash
- b. basketball
- c. gymnastics

Write a description of one of these sports, or write a description of a sport that is popular in your country.

4 Which is the odd word out?

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|----|---------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| a. | a ball  | a shuttlecock | a puck    | a basket |       |
| b. | score   | miss          | goal      | pass     | shoot |
| c. | a bat   | a ball        | a racquet | a club   |       |
| d. | a court | a pitch       | a match   | a course |       |
| e. | strong  | jump          | stretch   | throw    |       |

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Interview your partner about sport. Ask the questions below.

What's your favourite sport?

What's your favourite team? Who's your favourite sports person?

Which sports do you play?

What's the most popular sport in your country?

Are there any sports which are only played in your country?

Tell the class about your partner.