

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, gap-fill, categorising, sentence completion, guessing

Focus

Action verbs related to sport

Sports vocabulary

Aim

To practice sports vocabulary and action verbs related to sports.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a sports worksheet to help students practice sports vocabulary and action verbs related to sports.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students write action verbs from a box under matching pictures.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|-------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. kick a ball | 6. bounce a ball | 11. ride | 16. jump |
| 2. catch a ball | 7. pass a ball | 12. skate | 17. dive |
| 3. hit a ball | 8. score a goal | 13. drive | 18. block |
| 4. throw a ball | 9. run | 14. climb | 19. swim |
| 5. dribble a ball | 10. ski | 15. tackle | 20. lift |

Students then complete sentences about sports with the action verbs, e.g. 'In football, players can kick the ball, but they can't catch the ball'.

Afterwards, review the students' sentences as a class.

Next, students categorize sports vocabulary, e.g. vocabulary associated with sports equipment, etc.

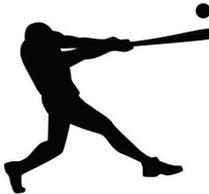
Exercise C - Answer key

Equipment	People	Sportswear	Place
net	umpire	shorts	court
racket	referee	shin pads	pitch
ball	players	trunks	pool
bat		boots	ice rink
helmet		T-shirt	stadium

Finally, students secretly choose their favourite team sport and complete sentences using the sports vocabulary from the worksheet. Students then take it in turns to read their sentences to the class who tries to guess the sport being described.

A. Write the action verbs from the box under the matching pictures.

score bounce jump throw hit lift pass climb catch dribble
dive ride skate kick swim ski tackle catch run block drive

1.  a ball	2.  a ball	3.  a ball	4.  a ball
5.  a ball	6.  a ball	7.  a ball	8.  a goal
9. 	10. 	11. 	12. 
13. 	14. 	15. 	16. 
17. 	18. 	19. 	20. 

B. Complete the sentences about sports with action verbs from Exercise A.

1. In football, players can, but they can't
2. In rugby, players can, but they can't
3. In basketball, players can, but they can't
4. In volleyball, players can, but they can't
5. In tennis, players can, but they can't
6. My favourite sport to play is because I like to

C. Now, put the sports-related words in the correct category.

 court umpire net shorts racket pitch shin pads ice rink ball
 pool bat referee trunks helmet boots T-shirt stadium players

Equipment	People	Sportswear	Place

D. Choose your favourite team sport and complete the sentences below. Keep your sentences and sport secret.

There are players in each team.

The players wear

The players use

The players can

The players can't

This sport is played in / on / at

The game lasts minutes.

E. Now, read your sentences to the class. Can they guess your favourite team sport?