Activity Type
Reading, writing and matching activity

Language Focus
Action verbs related to sport
Sports vocabulary

Aim
To learn and practice sports vocabulary and action verbs related to sports.

Preparation
Make one copy of the two worksheets for each student.

Level
Elementary

Time
45 minutes

Introduction
Here is an enjoyable two-page worksheet activity to help students learn and practice sports vocabulary and action verbs related to sports.

Procedure
Give each student a copy of the first worksheet.

Ask the students to write the action verbs in the box under the matching pictures.

When the students have finished, check the answers with the class.

Answer key
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

After that, distribute the second worksheet.

Tell the students to complete the sentences about sports using the verbs from the first exercise, 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 by writing the words from the box into the correct column on their worksheet, e.g. vocabulary associated with sports equipment, etc.

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Finally, students secretly choose their favourite team sport and complete sentences using the vocabulary from the two worksheets. The students then take it in turns to read their sentences to the class and the class tries to guess the sport being described.
A. Write the action verbs in the box under the matching pictures.

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B. Complete the sentences about sports with 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 words related to sports into the correct category.

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