

### 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.

#### Answer key

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Sportswear</b>	<b>Place</b>
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 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.

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.  a ball	10.  a ball	11.  a ball	12.  a ball
13.  a ball	14.  a ball	15.  a ball	16.  a ball
17.  a ball	18.  a ball	19.  a ball	20.  a ball

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.

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 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?