

## Sports verbs and vocabulary (Teens)

### (Teacher's Notes)

Warm up

You might like to refer to the full page illustration of sports vocabulary on page 648 of the Longman Active Study Dictionary and to the Sport Word Bank on page 703 of the Longman Essential Activator.

#### 1 How many players?

How many players play these sports? **Underline the individual sports (for one player), circle the opponent sports (where one player plays against one other player), draw a box around the team sports (where one group of players plays against another group).** Use your dictionary to help you.

<u>tennis</u>	<u>basketball</u>	<u>football</u>	<u>cycling</u>	<u>golf</u>
<u>baseball</u>	<u>badminton</u>	<u>surfing</u>	<u>wrestling</u>	<u>swimming</u>
<u>skiing</u>	<u>shot putting</u>	<u>ice hockey</u>	<u>fencing</u>	<u>archery</u>

#### 2 Where do you play?

**Underline the place where you play these sports.**

a. golf	<u>course</u>	track	field
b. tennis	pitch	<u>court</u>	ring
c. baseball	court	pool	<u>diamond</u>
d. cycling	field	ring	<u>track</u>
e. wrestling	rink	table	<u>ring</u>
f. swimming	<u>pool</u>	box	pitch
g. football	<u>pitch</u>	ring	course
h. show jumping	<u>course</u>	track	circle
i. ice skating	court	pool	<u>rink</u>
j. running	pitch	<u>track</u>	field

**3 What do you use? What equipment do you use when you play these sports? Underline two items of equipment.**

a. tennis	bat	<u>racket</u>	<u>net</u>	puck
b. baseball	<u>glove</u>	stick	<u>bat</u>	goggles
c. badminton	wall	<u>shuttlecock</u>	<u>net</u>	gloves
d. ice hockey	ball	<u>puck</u>	tee	<u>stick</u>
e. cricket	<u>stumps</u>	<u>bails</u>	club	racket
f. football	<u>goal</u>	target	wicket	<u>boot</u>
g. golf	stick	<u>club</u>	<u>tee</u>	basket
h. archery	<u>arrow</u>	ball	<u>target</u>	goggles
i. boxing	<u>gloves</u>	goggles	net	<u>gumshield</u>
j. basketball	<u>backboard</u>	<u>boots</u>	skates	target

**4 What do you do in the sport? Underline two verbs connected with each sport.**

a. football	hit	<u>kick</u>	<u>score</u>	bowl
b. basketball	<u>pass</u>	kick	<u>dribble</u>	hit
c. baseball	dribble	<u>pitch</u>	<u>catch</u>	convert
d. rugby	<u>tackle</u>	<u>pass</u>	putt	strike
e. tennis	tackle	catch	<u>serve</u>	<u>return</u>
f. golf	<u>putt</u>	shoot	bowl	<u>drive</u>
g. swimming	throw	<u>dive</u>	<u>turn</u>	hit
h. boxing	<u>punch</u>	pass	<u>defeat</u>	lift
i. show jumping	<u>win</u>	dive	<u>refuse</u>	pick up
j. cycle racing	jump	<u>win</u>	<u>finish</u>	throw

**5 Which sport are they playing?**  
**Read the short text and underline the sport.**

- a. Carlos won the first two sets 6/1, 6/1. Now it is the second game in the third set. Carlos is serving to José.

cricket	show jumping	baseball	<u>tennis</u>	golf
---------	--------------	----------	---------------	------

- b. Stortford United scored three goals in the first half, two scored by Higgs, the centre forward and a penalty scored by Gascoigne who plays on the right wing. The referee has just blown his whistle for the start of the second half and Harlow Athletic have 45 minutes to get four goals if they want to win the match.

rugby	<u>football</u>	baseball	squash	archery
-------	-----------------	----------	--------	---------

- c. Using the music from the film *Titanic*, the Russian pair put on a magnificent display of lifts and holds with excellent footwork. Yuri Shatlin, wearing the costume of a French sailor, and Natasha Moldova dressed in silver impressed the judges with their artistic interpretation of the music.

diving	show jumping	<u>ice dancing</u>	wrestling	weight-lifting
--------	--------------	--------------------	-----------	----------------

- d. Ireland had great players in the scrum but their three-quarters were slow and often dropped the ball. The French scrum half, Didier, was excellent and his conversion of Chirac's try in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute won the game. Henri was sent off after a brutal tackle on O'Connell but the final score 28-15 reflected France's domination of the pitch. Next Saturday Ireland plays Scotland and France plays England.

football	skiing	snooker	<u>rugby</u>	badminton
----------	--------	---------	--------------	-----------

- e. Bob Simpson, Chicago's star striker came up to the plate with first and second bases covered to face Atlanta's pitcher Greg Lemon. He hit a home run into the crowd on his first strike.

American football	snowboarding	<u>baseball</u>	cricket	archery
-------------------	--------------	-----------------	---------	---------