

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a competition | a. a schoolboy or schoolgirl |
| 2..... a pupil | b. about something you do alone |
| 3..... an initiative | c. a type of game where you have to work together with other players (e.g. football) |
| 4..... a team sport | d. a series of games with a prize for the winner |
| 5..... to score | e. a new plan or project |
| 6..... individual | f. to get a point in a game |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Physical Education is obligatory at school in the UK when you are 15. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. All secondary students play football at school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. All schools offer traditional and modern sports. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Netball is usually played by girls. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Rounders, dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee are all team sports. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Students do more sport at school when they are 17 than when they are 16. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Out-of-hours school sport is always after school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. An intra-school league is a competition for teams from the same school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. Ella designed some sports clothes for her school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. Schools designed multi-sports festivals and inter-schools games during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

can	can't	have	might
can	can't	have	should

- All pupils in the UK _____ to do PE at school until they are 16.
- The sports you _____ do at school depend on your school.
- There are some traditional and new team sports you _____ not know.
- In netball you _____ run with the ball.
- In dodgeball you _____ to hit the players on the other team with the ball.
- In Ultimate Frisbee you _____ run with the Frisbee.
- If you like PE you _____ do extra sport after school or at lunchtime.
- Teachers and educationalists think that young people _____ do sport.

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice

Circle the best preposition to complete these sentences.

- The most popular sport **in / at / of** school is football.
- In netball there are seven players **at / of / on** each team.
- Rounders is similar **to / of / with** baseball or softball.
- In dodgeball players throw the ball **in / on / at** the players on the other team.
- They try and hit players on the other team **to / of / with** the ball.
- In dodgeball many balls are used **to / at / in** the same time.
- Schools often have teams that play **to / for / in** intra-school leagues and competitions.
- I play **by / at / for** the school team on Saturdays.
- I'm not good **at / with / in** any sport.
- We play matches **of / against / to** other schools every week.

Discussion

Do you do sports at school? Which sports do you do and do you like doing school sports?