

## 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

- |                   |                  |            |           |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| 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.

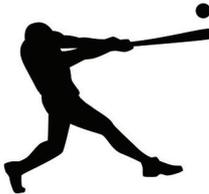
Exercise C - Answer key

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?**