

Student's Worksheet

Sport in USA

The Americans are very fond of sport. Four of the nation's five most popular team sports were developed in North America: American football, basketball, baseball and ice hockey, whereas soccer was developed in England. Soccer is an American word for the sport called "football" in the other parts of the world. The four Major leagues in the United States are the National Basketball Association (NBA), National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball (MLB) and the National Hockey League (NHL) which is a professional league of 30 member clubs of which 7 are in Canada and 23 in the United States. But there are more activities which the Americans take part in. E.g.: golf, aerobics, jogging, swimming, volleyball, tennis, cycling etc.

American football

American football is the most popular game in the USA. It derives from the English game of rugby. It started at Harvard University in the 1870s. It is a game for two teams of eleven men in the field. At the ends of the field are goal posts. The object of the game is to score points by carrying the oval ball across the goal-line. It is a game of violent physical contact, so the footballers must be strong men.

The NFL's championship game, the Super Bowl, is the most popular single-day sporting event in the United States and among the most-watched club sporting events in the world.

Basketball

Basketball is a game which nowadays is popular all over the world. It was invented in the USA in 1891 and was taken abroad by American soldiers during the Second World War. It is a sport played by two teams of five players on a rectangular court. The object of the game is to shoot a ball through a basket



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mounted to a backboard at each end. It is very popular mainly among university students.

Baseball

Baseball is the national game in the USA. It is a team game derived from the English game of cricket. It is played with a bat and a ball by two teams of nine players in a field with four bases. The teams take turns playing offense (batting and base running) and defense (pitching and fielding). The goal of the game is to score more points (runs) than the other team. Baseball has inspired many works of art and entertainment and there have been many baseball movies.

Ice-hockey

Ice-hockey is a very popular winter game. It is played on the ice by two teams of six skaters who use sticks to shoot a hockey puck into their opponent's net to score points. Each team has a goaltender who tries to stop the puck from going into the goal. The most prestigious championship trophy in American ice-hockey is the Stanley Cup. It is awarded annually to the National Hockey League (NHL) playoff winner after the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Finals.



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Task 2: True or false?

- | | True | False |
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| 1 American football is a game for two teams of six men in the field. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Basketball was brought to America from Europe by American soldiers during the Second World War. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Baseball is played with a bat and a ball. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 In a baseball team there are eleven players. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 In ice-hockey skaters use sticks to shoot a hockey puck into their opponent's net. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 The Super Bowl is the most prestigious championship trophy in baseball. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 The most prestigious championship trophy in American ice-hockey is the Stanley Cup. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Soccer was derived from the English game of rugby. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 The four Major leagues in the USA are the NBA, the NFL, the MLB and the NHL. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 In a basketball team there are six players. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Task 3: These Czech hockey players play in the NHL. Match
the player to the club:**

Jaromír Jágr

Colorado Avalanche

Patrik Eliáš

Ottawa Senators

Milan Hejduk

New Jersey Devils

Václav Prospal

Pittsburgh Penguins

Petr Sýkora

Florida Panthers

Radek Dvořák

New Jersey Devils

Martin Havlát

Philadelphia Flyers



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