

Read these sentences and then use the words in bold to complete the sentences below.

- The match was a **draw**, with both sides scoring three goals.
- The **spectators** clapped and cheered when Williams came onto the court.
- The **referee/ref** blew the whistle and the game began.
- Football, cricket and rugby are played on a **pitch/field**.
- Basketball, volleyball and tennis are played on a **court**.
- Only six of the **competitors** will get through to the final.
- **Athletics** includes events such as the 100 m, the pole vault and the long jump.
- **Gymnastics** includes events such as the beam, and activities such as vaulting.
- I think **betting** on horse races and boxing matches is a complete waste of money.
- She won a million pounds on the football pools!

- 1 There aren't any finals today, so there won't be many _____ in the stadium.
- 2 The _____ has to be completely impartial; he can't favour either team, or it's not fair.
- 3 Professional goalkeepers can kick the ball from one end of the _____ to the other.
- 4 There's no point _____ on him; he's lost the last three fights!
- 5 We used to do _____ at school in the summer term; I was quite a good sprinter.
- 6 In tennis, the _____ is wider for doubles matches than it is for singles.
- 7 My dad does the _____ every week, but I prefer the lottery.
- 8 Are _____ in Olympic events allowed to be professional athletes?
- 9 I love watching _____; it's incredible how they keep their balance on such narrow pieces of equipment.
- 10 What happens if it's a _____? Do they have a rematch?

Match

Here are some more short statements about different sports. Match the statements 1-7 with their meanings (a-g) below.

- 1 You ought to take some waterproof clothes with you.

- 2 I don't think you lost because your opponent was better. I think you lost because of your strategy.

- 3 You're going so fast and just concentrating on winning that you don't have time to think about the danger.

- 4 Injury is an occupational hazard for professional athletes.

- 5 You've got to be prepared to go out and train every day, whatever the weather.

- 6 Don't forget that you're a team!

- 7 The referee said it was out, so there's no point arguing.

- a Your mind is focused on one thing.

- b You have to follow the rules.

- c You have to be very dedicated to your sport.

- d You'll probably get wet.

- e You have to work together.

- f You have to accept that accidents can happen.

- g You could have made some better decisions.