

# Team sports in Britain

## 1 My favourite team sport

a) Write 3-4 sentences about your favourite team sport: What is it? Where do you do/play it? And what do you like about it?

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## 2 Rugby – Britain’s number two sport

a) Go to <http://www.youtube.com> and type in 'Rugby for beginners'. Then click onto the video 'Rugby for beginners: a guide to the rules of rugby union'.

Watch the first part of the film (0:00-5:52). Are the statements true or false? Tick ✓ the correct answer. (Some of the rugby laws are complicated, but don't worry if you don't understand everything!)



	true	false
1. The ball looks like an egg.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. A rugby pitch is bigger than a football pitch.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Each half of the game is 40 minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. A rugby team has got 14 players.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The players called 'the forwards' do the easy work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. You use your hands and feet to play rugby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. You can only pass the ball backwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. A scrum is formed if you drop the ball and it bounces backwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b) Watch part of the film again (3:06-4:15) and find out how many points you get when you do the following actions successfully:

Action	Points	Action	Points
Try	<input type="checkbox"/>	Penalty kick (between the posts)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conversion (between the posts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop goal	<input type="checkbox"/>

law [lɔ:] hier: Regel   post [pəʊst] Pfosten   heavy ['hevi] schwer   backwards ['bækwədʒ] rückwärts   successfully [sək'sesfli] erfolgreich   penalty ['penlti] Strafe   forward ['fɔ:wəd] vorwärts   scrum [skɹʌm] Gedränge   bounce [baʊns] springen

c) Watch the end of the film (09:45-11:00) and tick ✓ the right answers.

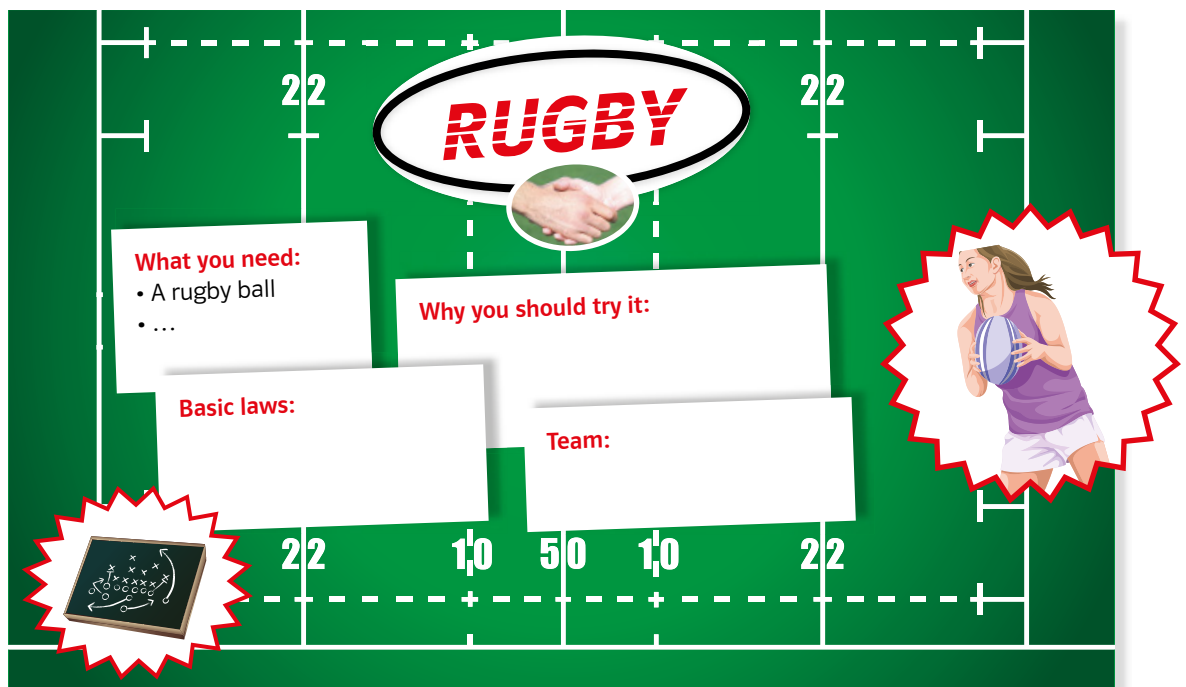
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| <p>1. Rugby is ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> a sport only for men and boys.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> a physical and tough sport.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> a very expensive sport.</p>  | <p>2. Respect plays ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> no role at all.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> only a small role.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> a very important role.</p>  |
| <p>3. When the referee makes a decision, ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> the players have to accept it.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> the players often want to discuss it.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> the players never accept it.</p> | <p>4. When the teams and the referee leave the pitch, ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> they all hate each other.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> they always sing a song together.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> they get applause.</p> |
| <p>5. Sportsmanship is ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> also very important.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> not very important.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> the most important thing.</p>  | <p>6. Rugby is fun for ...</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> young people only.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> all ages.</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> adults only.</p>   |

### 3 Join our team!



Imagine you are in a school rugby team and you need to find more players. Make a poster about rugby that shows why young people should try it and join your team. Use the information above and add more information from the internet. Then present your poster.

**Or:** Make a poster about another popular team sport in Britain, like cricket or hockey. Present it and explain what's different from rugby.



physical ['fɪzɪkl] körperlich ○ tough [taɪf] hier: brutal; rau ○ opponent [ə'pɒnənt] Gegner/-in ○ referee [refrɪ'i] Schiedsrichter/-in ○ to applaud [ə'plɔ:d] applaudieren ○ applause [ə'plɔ:z] Applaus ○ sportsmanship ['spɔ:tsmənʃɪp] Fairness ○ age [eɪdʒ] Alter