

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?

2 Rugby – Britain's number two sport

a) Here 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.	✓	
2. A rugby pitch is bigger than a football pitch.		✓
3. Each half of the game is 40 minutes.	✓	
4. A rugby team has got 14 players.		✓
5. The players called 'the forwards' do the easy work.		✓
6. You use your hands and feet to play rugby.	✓	
7. You can only pass the ball backwards.	✓	
8. A scrum is formed if you drop the ball and it bounces backwards.		V

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:



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



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

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

3 Join our team!

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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.



