



Guess the Sport- Modals of Deduction Practice

Modals of deduction/ probability/ possibility and sports vocabulary

Choose one of the sports below and give hints about which one you are talking about. For each hint, your partner will try to make a true statement with one of the guessing phrases below, e.g. "It could be soccer". Continue giving hints and guessing until they feel they are sure enough to say "It must be..." (which means they think there is only one possibility from the list). Before they say "It must be...", don't say if they have guessed the actual correct sport or not, only say "That's true" if the statement they made is possible (including having the right level of certainty or uncertainty) and "Actually,..." if there is something that makes that statement impossible.

Phrases for guessing

- It must be...
- It's almost certainly...
- It's probably...
- It might be/ It may be...
- It could (possibly) be...
- It's almost certainly not...
- It can't be...

Useful language for describing sports

- indoors/ outdoors
- play in/on a court/ field/ pitch/ pool/ rink/ ring/ table/ stadium
- wear a helmet/ goggles/ a hat/ padding/ shoulder pads/ shin pads/ knee pads/ a face guard/ a tooth guard/ gloves/ a box/ studs/ special shoes
- use a cue/ bat/ ball/ shuttlecock/...
- the ball is big/ hard/ made of...
- can use your head/ foot/ hand/...
- can throw/ catch/ tackle/ walk with the ball/ sit down...
- there is a goal/ hole/ net/ sin bin/ referee...
- you have to be fit/ young/ strong/ male/ skilful/ tall/ intelligent/ fast/ ...
- comes from Asia/ the UK/ the US/...
- popular with boys/ girls/ old people/...
- played in the Olympics/ this country/ schools...
- fast/ violent/ professional/ well known/ expensive/ tiring/ competitive/ dangerous/...
- a martial art/ a contact sport/ a winter sport/ a team sport...
- I have played...
- I always/ often/ sometimes play/ watch...
- often/ sometimes on (cable/ satellite) TV
- somewhere to play this near here/ in this city/ in this country
- can practice in your house/ in a park



Sports to describe and guess

Angling/ Fishing
Archery
Athletics/ Track and field
Baseball
Billiards
Boxing
Canoeing/ Kayaking
Cricket
Croquet
Curling
Darts
Fencing
Football (= Soccer)
Golf
Greco-Roman wrestling/ Olympic wrestling
(Field) hockey
Horse racing
Ice hockey
Karate
Kendo
Kung fu
Lacrosse
Marathon/ Long distance running
Nordic skiing/ Cross country skiing
Polo
Pool
Rock climbing
Rowing
Rugby
Sailing
Scuba diving
Skiing
Snowboarding
Softball
Speed skating
Squash
Sumo wrestling
Surfing
Table tennis (= Ping pong)
Triathlon
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball
Water polo
Weightlifting
Windsurfing

Without looking above or writing anything, discuss what could go below and in what order:

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Discuss where the phrases below the fold could go in the space above (again, without writing anything)

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- It can't be...
- It could (possibly) be...
- It might be/ It may be...
- It must be...
- It's almost certainly not...
- It's almost certainly...
- It's probably...

Check your answers with the first page.