

## Sports Vocabulary Brainstorming and Discussion

Brainstorm as many sports as you can, explaining any your partner doesn't understand, putting them into as many categories and sub-categories as you can.

Compare with the list below.

### Air sports

Ballooning	Gliding	Hang gliding
Kite fighting	Skydiving	Skysurfing

### Animal sports

Bullfighting	Camel racing	Cockfighting
Dressage	Fox hunting	Greyhound racing
Horse racing	Hunting	Pigeon racing
Polo	Rodeo	Sheepdog trials
Show jumping	Sled dog racing	

### Athletics (= track and field)

Biathlon	Cross country running	Discus
Hammer throwing	Heptathlon	High jump
Hurdles	Javelin	Marathon
Pentathlon	Pole vault	Race walking
Relay	Shot put	Sprinting
Steeplechase	Triathlon	Triple jump

### Ball sports

(Field) hockey	Australian Rules football	Baseball
Basketball	Beach volleyball	Boules/ Petanque
Bowling (= ten pin bowling)/ skittles		Crazy golf
Cricket	Croquet/ Gateball	Dodgeball
Football (= Association football = Soccer)		Football tennis
Futsal/ Five-a-side football	Golf	Handball
Lacrosse	Lawn bowling/ Bowls	Netball
Pitch and putt	Roller hockey	Rounders
Rugby	Softball	Squash
Table tennis (= ping pong)		

### Bicycle sports

BMX	Keirin	Mountain biking
Track cycling	Tour de France	Unicycling

### Climbing

Abseiling	Bouldering	Free climbing
Mountaineering		

### Cue sports

Billiards	Pool	Snooker
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### Gun sports

Clay pigeon shooting                      Target shooting

### Martial arts

Aikido	Archery	Arm wrestling
Boxing	Fencing	Graeco-Roman wrestling
Judo	Karate	Kendo
Kung fu	Laser quest	MMA (= mixed martial arts)
Paintball	Sumo wrestling	T'ai Chi
Taekwondo	Thai boxing/ Muai Thai	

### Mental sports

Bridge    Chess

### Motor sports

Drag racing	F1 (= Formula 1)	Go-kart racing
NASCAR	Rally	

### Water sports

Angling (= fishing)	Backstroke	Breaststroke
Butterfly	Canoeing	Diving
Freestyle/ Crawl	Kayaking	Kite surfing
Lifesaving	Open water swimming	Rafting
Rowing	Sailing	Scuba diving
Surfing	Synchronised swimming	Wakeboarding
Water polo	Waterskiing	Windsurfing

### Winter sports

Bobsleigh	Ice hockey	Luge
Nordic skiing/ cross country skiing		Ski jumping
Skiing	Snowboarding	Speed skating

### Misc

Aerobics	Ballroom dancing	Baton twirling
Bungee jumping	Competitive eating	Darts
Geo-caching	Gymnastics	Hiking
Juggling	Orienteering	Skateboarding
Skipping	Three-legged race	Trampoline
Tug of war	Ultimate Frisbee	Weightlifting
Yoga	Yo-yo	

*Did you think of any words or categories which aren't above?*

*Are there any sports above which you don't know?*



### Language tasks

*Find at least four things from the list above or your own list:*

- Only done indoors
- Types of swimming
- Sports that go with the verb “play”
- Sports that go with the verb “go”
- Sports that go with the verb “do”
- Three syllables
- Stressed on the first syllable

### Speaking tasks

*Work together to choose at least five things from the list above and your own list that match each of these categories:*

- Not really sports
- Not in the Olympics but should be
- In the Olympics but shouldn't be
- Likely to become more popular in the future.
- Likely to become less popular in the future
- Likely to disappear this century
- Shouldn't be played in schools
- Good ways of getting fit
- Should be available for everyone to watch on free terrestrial TV
- Not shown on terrestrial TV but should be
- Shouldn't be on terrestrial TV
- Should be very tightly controlled or banned.
- Embarrassing to be seen doing.
- Only suitable for older/ younger people
- Only suitable for males/ females
- Too violent
- Relaxing
- Likely to lead to injury
- Boring
- Pointless
- Too complicated
- Candidates for the national sport of this country

*Brainstorm language that you could have used above into these categories:*

Giving opinions

Agreeing

Disagreeing

*Use phrases like those above to compare your ideas with another group.*