

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

- 1 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of an adjective in the box. Use the correct form of *be*.

big hot noise slow tall

- A football is bigger than a tennis ball.
- Maria is slower than Paula at running.
- I'm 1.80 m. I am taller than my brother.
- Spain and Portugal are hotter than the UK in summer.
- The playing fields are noisier than the library.

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- 2 Use the words to make comparative sentences.

- basketball / entertaining / tennis
Basketball is more entertaining than tennis.
- football / popular / volleyball
Football is more popular than volleyball.
- rugby / good / football
Rugby is better than football.
- Karl / bad / me / at football
Karl is worse than me at football.
- ball sports / exciting / water sports
Ball sports are more exciting than water sports.

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- 3 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets and the correct form of *be*.

- My sister is the youngest (young) person in my family.
- Geography is the most difficult (difficult) subject at school.
- This is the worst (bad) film ever!
- I am the tallest (tall) person in my class.
- Who are the best (good) footballers in the world?

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- 4 Use the words to make comparative or superlative sentences.

- basketball / exciting / football
Basketball is more exciting than football.
- tennis / entertaining / sport in the world
Tennis is the most entertaining sport in the world.
- Chinese / difficult / language to learn
Chinese is the most difficult language to learn.
- pizza and pasta / tasty / vegetables
Pizza and pasta are tastier than vegetables.
- walking / easy / form of exercise
Walking is the easiest form of exercise.

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- 5 Complete the text with the correct option.

I think that futsal is one of the ¹_____ ball games in the world. It's much ²_____ than other kinds of football, and the best players are ³_____ than anyone else with a ball. In my opinion, talented futsal players are ⁴_____ than other players because they are always thinking about what to do when they don't have the ball. Some of the ⁵_____ football stars play futsal. Why not try it yourself?

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| 1 a more interesting | b <u>most interesting</u> |
| 2 a <u>faster</u> | b fastest |
| 3 a <u>more skilful</u> | b most skilful |
| 4 a <u>more intelligent</u> | b most intelligent |
| 5 a more amazing | b <u>most amazing</u> |

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- 6 Complete the text with the correct form of the adjective and the verb *be*.

My best friend Carl ¹ is smaller than (small) me, but he's really good at running. He ² is/s the best (good) athlete at our school. He ³ is/s stronger than (strong) most people our age. Also, he ⁴ is/s the youngest (young) person his age to run 100 m in 12 seconds. Carl ⁵ is the happiest (happy) person I know.

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VOCABULARY

7 Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 Ali's family have got a small boat. They go sailing at the weekend.
- 2 Sometimes we go swimming in the sea, but usually we go to the pool.
- 3 You can pass the ball with your hands when you play rugby/basketball, but you can't in football.
- 4 Midori does judo – it's a martial art from Japan.
- 5 Ella is really good at basketball/athletics. She can jump very high.

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8 Complete the text with the name of a sport.

We're a sporty family. I love doing ¹ athletics – I do long-distance running and I also do the high jump. I sometimes enter competitions with my school team. Dad likes to go rock ² climbing in the mountains. He also goes ³ swimming with my brother at the pool. Mum and I play ⁴ table tennis in our games room. She's an amazing player – she can hit the ball so fast! Mum's favourite sport isn't a ball game, though. She loves going ⁵ windsurfing. We live near the beach and she has her own board.

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9 Circle the correct option.

My sports hero is Antoine Griezmann. I think he's one of the world's best footballers. He can ¹ _____ the ball harder than most other players. He is smaller than many defenders, but he can ² _____ higher than many of them and he's good at heading the ball. He's also an intelligent player. Sometimes he ³ _____ to another player and then runs into spaces. He can ⁴ _____ most defenders because he's so fast. He just ⁵ _____ past them.

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| 1 a hit | b <u>kick</u> | c score |
| 2 a bounce | b climb | c <u>jump</u> |
| 3 a lifts | b <u>passes</u> | c throws |
| 4 a <u>beat</u> | b win | c dive |
| 5 a jumps | b throws | c <u>runs</u> |

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LISTENING

10 Listen to Elise and Marco. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is the online article about?
It's about amazing sports people.
- 2 Who is Nicky Spinks?
She's a mountain runner.
- 3 Why is Nicky Spinks famous?
Because she's the oldest person to run up the 24 highest mountains in Scotland.
- 4 How does Nicky stay fit and healthy?
She trains every day, eats a lot of healthy food and drinks a lot of water.
- 5 How does Nicky help sick or ill people?
By doing charity runs.

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11 Listen again. Complete each sentence with three words.

- 1 In the article, there are some interesting posts about athletics.
- 2 Nicky Spinks is older than Elise's mum.
- 3 Nicky usually runs in the summer.
- 4 Nicky is incredibly fit and healthy.
- 5 Mountain running is one of the most difficult sports in the UK.

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READING

12 Read the text.

Do you want to play a new sport, but can't decide what to do? Do you want something fast and fun? Then, we've got the answer – Yakball!

FAQs

What is Yakball?

It's a mixture of basketball, football and rugby. It's more entertaining than those games because it's faster and more fun. In some places, it's the most popular game of the summer. Both teams pass, throw and head the ball to each other. To score, you hit a goal painted on a wall.

Is it a team game?

Yes, it is. There are two teams, and each team has four players.

Where can I play it?

People usually play Yakball outside, but you can play it inside, too. You only need one goal and enough space to move around.

How big is a Yakball?

A Yakball is a little bigger than a football. But, you can't use basketballs. They bounce too much!

Can players kick the ball?

No, you can't kick the ball. But be careful, people can jump into you to get the ball! It's more dangerous than basketball!

The inventor of Yakball is Michael Taylor. He is from the USA. He likes basketball, football, soccer and lacrosse, a team sport a bit like hockey, where players use a special stick and ball to carry, pass, catch and score goals.

Answer *True*, *False* or *Doesn't say*.

- Yakball isn't like any other sports. True
- There are eight players in a Yakball game. True
- Yakball is a popular summer game in the USA. Doesn't say
- There are two goals in Yakball. False
- Yakball is played at universities. Doesn't say

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13 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

- Why does the writer say Yakball is better than football and basketball?
Because it's more entertaining, faster and more fun.
- When is Yakball especially popular?
In the summer.
- Where can you play Yakball?
You can play Yakball inside and outside.
- Why can't you use basketballs?
Because they bounce too much.
- Which sport is lacrosse similar to?
Lacrosse is similar to hockey.

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14 Match words or phrases in the text with definitions 1–5.

- combination mixture
- to get points in a game score
- sufficient enough
- group of people who play a sport together team
- interesting and fun entertaining

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WRITING

15 Correct the mistakes.

- She designs also sports clothes.
She also designs sports clothes.
- She also is a tennis coach.
She is also a tennis coach.
- Too Anna designs trainers and sports shoes.
Anna designs trainers and sports shoes, too.
- She does also lots of work with children.
She also does lots of work with children.
- Too she's really positive.
She's really positive, too.

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16 Write a profile of the most famous sports person in your country.

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TOTAL SCORE

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