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## Tennis

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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Tennis is one of the greatest games in the world. You can see people playing it in pretty much every country on Earth. Anyone can play it. All you need is a tennis racket and a ball. You can even play it when you're three or four years old. Most of the tennis superstars start then. I spent many years when I was younger playing tennis. I was never any good, but I loved playing it. I remember having arguments with my friends over whether the ball was in or out. I'm sure I lost games because my friend said out when it was really in. The good thing about tennis is that many countries are good at it. This makes it a true world sport. There are also major tournaments that everyone in the world talks about. My favourite is Wimbledon.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

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# STUDENT TENNIS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tennis in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about tennis. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about tennis. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. TENNIS POSTER** Make a poster about tennis. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY TENNIS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on tennis. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on tennis. Share your findings with the class.

