

Before you watch**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What are your favourite sports?
- 2 Can you explain the rules?
- 3 What sports are popular in Britain?

Comprehension check**2** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In which sport can players use their hands and feet to control a ball?
a football b rugby c basketball
- 2 Which sport has the oldest rules?
a football b rugby c cricket
- 3 Which sport is played in the Ashes tournament?
a football b rugby c cricket

3 Watch again. Choose the correct words to describe what you see.

- 1 a girl **kicking** / **catching** an orange football
- 2 a man in white **kicking** / **running with** a rugby ball
- 3 girls in dark blue playing **hockey** / **tennis**
- 4 a team in yellow playing **football** / **rugby**
- 5 a man in red **playing** / **refereeing** a rugby match
- 6 a **cricket** / **rugby** stadium in Australia

4 Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Two hundred years ago, _____ games were popular in private schools in Britain.
- 2 The sport of _____ officially began in 1871.
- 3 In cricket, each team has _____ players.
- 4 In August 1882, _____ beat England in a cricket match.
- 5 There are _____ matches in an Ashes tournament.
- 6 _____ has won the Ashes 31 times.

Round up**5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Have you ever played cricket? Would you like to? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. You may also need to add a prefix or a suffix.

- 1 When England lost the match, I was so _____ that I started crying. (happy)
- 2 We were very _____ when a girl from our school won a gold medal. (pride)
- 3 He experienced a lot of _____ before the final match of the tournament. (anxious)
- 4 The man reacted _____ when I asked him to stop talking during the tennis match. (anger)
- 5 He should feel _____ for scoring a goal with his hands. It was wrong. (shame)
- 6 _____, Germany won the match. They had the best team and played really well. (surprise)

7 Complete the text with the words below.

committee representatives rivalry rules tournament trophy

The Six Nations Championship

Every year in February and March, six European countries – England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales – play in the Six Nations rugby ¹_____. The organising ²_____, part of Rugby Europe, which includes ³_____ from each of the countries involved, arranges the matches. The ⁴_____ are simple: every country plays every other country once, and the team with the most points at the end is the winner and is awarded the Championship ⁵_____. It is hugely popular with European rugby fans, and there is always great ⁶_____ between the countries, especially, it seems, when England is playing. So, if you're visiting any of the countries involved in February or March next year, make sure you watch a game.

Extension

8 Work in groups. Find out about an unusual sport or game. Find some photos of people playing the sport and make a fact file about it. Include the following:

- a short history of the sport
- where people play the sport
- the rules of the sport
- a description of what is happening in the photos

9 Present your fact file to the class. Use the key phrases for describing and speculating about photos and identifying people in photos.

Describing photos

The photo shows ...

In the foreground / background, ...

Speculating about photos

It looks like some kind of ...

I think it's ... of some kind.

They're most likely ...

Identifying people in photos

The man with the red shirt ...

The woman jumping / running / kicking ...