

Players at the Top of their Game

Read the text below about famous athletes in different sports then answer the questions.

There are many famous tennis players in the world because there are lots of competitions for tennis. The most famous tennis competition in the United Kingdom is Wimbledon. This is in June and July. The best male tennis players at the moment are Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. There is a famous British tennis player too - Andy Murray.

Basketball is a very popular sport in the USA, so there are lots of famous American basketball players. For example, LeBron James, Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. The big competition for basketball in the US is the NBAs.

Swimming is an international sport and the best swimmers are from lots of different countries. The swimmer with the biggest number of Olympic medals is Michael Phelps, who is American. Some other famous swimmers are Katie Ledecky, Ryan Lochte, Ian Thorpe and Adam Peaty. They have won Olympic medals too.

Ice skating is in the Winter Olympics. Some famous skaters are Nathan Chen, who is American, Alena Kostornaia, who is Russian and Yuzuru Hanyu, who is Japanese.

Football is a very competitive sport. There are lots of famous football players in the world. Sometimes they play for the team for their country and sometimes they play for a local area instead. For example, Lionel Messi is Argentinian, so sometimes he plays for Argentina, but he also plays for a local team in Barcelona. In the UK, our famous football players are David Beckham, Wayne Rooney, Rio Ferdinand and Steven Gerrard. The captain of the England team at the moment is called Harry Kane.

Exercise A

Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE.

1) Rio Ferdinand plays tennis.	TRUE	FALSE
2) Roger Federer plays tennis.	TRUE	FALSE
3) LeBron James plays basketball.	TRUE	FALSE
4) Nathan Chen plays football.	TRUE	FALSE
5) Ryan Lochte does swimming.	TRUE	FALSE

Exercise B

Complete these sentences with the correct sport.

- 1) Steven Gerrard plays _____.
- 2) Ian Thorpe does _____.
- 3) Michael Jordan plays _____.
- 4) Yuzuru Hanyu does _____.
- 5) Rafael Nadal plays _____.