



**The only one who can tell you “
You can’t win” is you and you
don’t have to listen.**





cycleball

sports

Gilli-Danda

octopush

A soccer goal with a white frame and net is centered in the image. The goal is set on a green field with a subtle grid pattern. The background is a dark blue gradient. In the foreground, a light green rectangular box with a dark green border contains the word "goal" in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font.

goal

bike



brake





LIGHT



HEAVY



He **weighs** 96 Kilograms.

win





1 CYCLEBALL

This sport is like football on bikes. There are two teams. Each team has usually got two players. The bikes don't have any brakes to stop them. Players in each team try to hit the ball into the goal. They can use their bike or their heads to do this. The ball is quite heavy – it weighs half a kilogram. The winning team is the team with the most goals at the end of the game.





stick



Danda

Gilli



2 GILLI-DANDA

This is an ancient sport from India. The players use two things: one long stick, called a *danda* and a short egg-shaped bat, called a *gilli*. There are two teams. One player puts the *gilli* on the ground inside a small circle and hits it into the air with the *danda*. Then the player hits the *gilli* again and runs to touch a spot outside the circle to get a point.



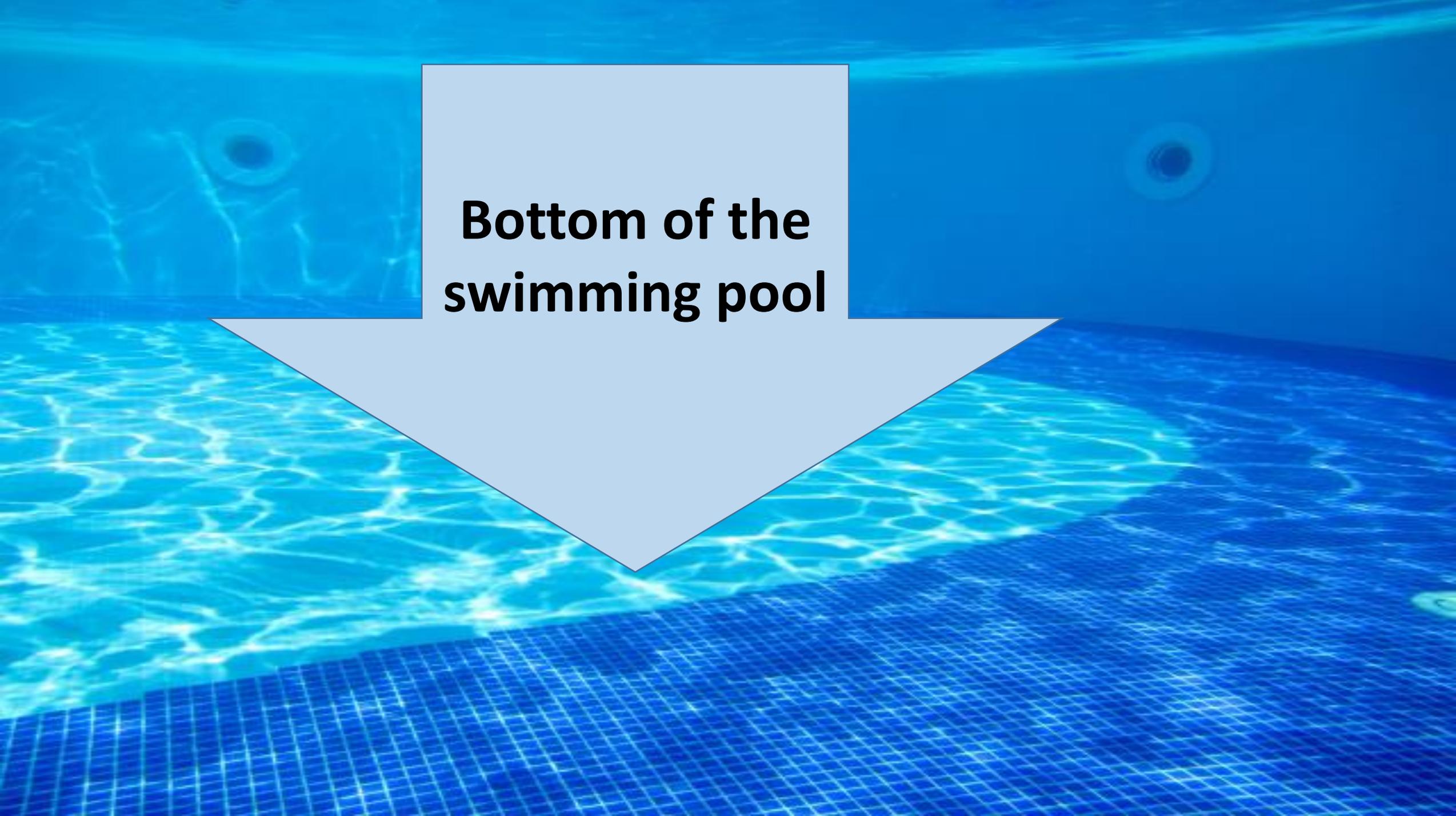
Push →

Pull →





puck

An underwater photograph of a swimming pool. The top half shows the blue water with light reflections and two circular drains on the pool wall. A large, light-blue arrow points downwards from the text area towards the pool floor. The bottom half shows a blue tiled floor with a grid pattern.

**Bottom of the
swimming pool**

3 OCTOPUSH

The sport is also called *underwater hockey*. There are two teams. Each team has got six players. Players swim underwater to play this game. They use small sticks and a puck. The puck is a little like a flat ball. It's heavy and weighs about a kilogram. Players try to push the puck along the bottom of a swimming pool into the other team's goal. The winning team is the team with the most goals at the end of the match.



3 Read the three texts again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 There are always two players in a cycleball team.
- 2 The ball in cycleball is small and light.
- 3 Players in cycleball can't hit the ball with their hands.
- 4 *Gilli-danda* comes from India.
- 5 The stick and the bat in *gilli-danda* are the same size.
- 6 Players use a small ball in *gilli-danda*.
- 7 People play octopush in teams.
- 8 Players in octopush hit the ball, or puck, with their hands.
- 9 Players in octopush swim underwater to play their game.

TALKING POINTS

Which of these sports do you want to try?

Do you have any sports like these in your country?

