READING

1 Look at the photos of the sports and games. What can you see?

2 Read the three texts and match them to the photos.



TRY THESE SPORTS!

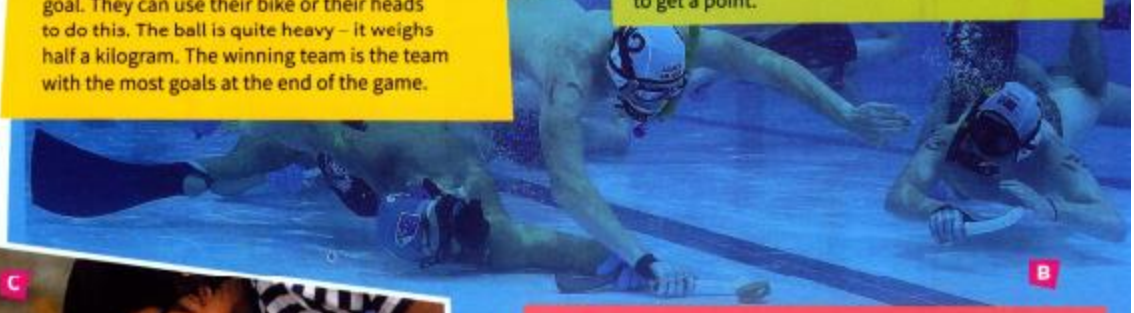
1 CYCLEBALL

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.

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.





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 (✗)?

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 two sticks 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?

READING

1 Read the text about Lola. How often does she do her favourite sport?

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Teenblog: Sport

It's hard work, but it's fun!

Posted by Lola O'Shea

At school, I do a lot of sports like rugby, badminton and hockey. I love football, but now I have a new favourite sport – underwater football! Do you know it? It's like football, but you play it in a swimming pool. There are two teams. Each team has got 13 players, with five players in the water. The ball isn't a normal football; it's big and heavy. In normal football, players don't use their hands to hit the ball, but in underwater football, they can use their head, hands or feet to do this. Players try to hit the ball into the other team's goal. The winning team is the team with the most goals at the end of the game.

I don't play underwater football at school, but I'm in a team at a club. We usually play every week, on Saturday. Underwater football is an exciting sport but it's hard work. I love it because I like football and I like swimming, too. It's really fun!

2 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

1 What sports does Lola do at school?
- **A** rugby, badminton and underwater football
- **B** rugby, badminton and hockey
- **C** rugby, badminton and swimming

2 How is underwater football different to normal football?
- **A** There are three teams.
- **B** The players use a racket to hit the ball.
- **C** You play it in a swimming pool.

3 How do you win a game?
- **A** You swim to the other team's goal.
- **B** You score goals.
- **C** You hit the ball.

4 Why does Lola like underwater football?
- **A** because it's exciting and fun
- **B** because she's in a team
- **C** because it's hard work

3 Read the text again and complete the table.

Underwater football facts

Number of teams	1	_____
Number of players in each team	2	_____
Equipment	3	_____
What do you use to hit the ball?	4	_____