

PREVIEW

Before You Read



Think Answer the questions.

- 1 What games can you play with a ball?
- 2 What traditional games do you play in your country?
- 3 What games do you like to play with your whole family?



Learn Main Idea

The **main idea** of a reading tells us what the reading is about. The main idea is usually in the first sentence of a paragraph.

Read each text. Underline the main idea in each.

1

Jumping rope is fun! One person can jump alone with a short rope. If you have a long rope, two people can swing the rope, and one person can jump inside. If the rope is even longer, more people can jump together!

2

Swimming is very good for you. That's why Nicole likes to do it. She swims with her team every Saturday. She likes to race the other people. Swimming will keep her strong. It's fun, too!

3

Wendy likes her tennis lessons. They are very close to her house, so she can walk there from home. Wendy's tennis instructor, Miss Taylor, is very kind and helpful. Wendy loves to practice with her friends.

- E Words in Context** Scan the story on pages 18–19 and circle these words. As you read, try to guess what they mean.

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- F** Answer the question before you read.

Why are games often more fun when you play with other people?

The Red Rubber Ball

In this *story*, a boy's red rubber ball travels around the world. We learn about having fun in different countries. As you read, remember to look for the main ideas.



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