



“Tennis”

Reading Comprehension – Informational Passages ⁽⁴⁾

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Tennis is a sport played between two players (singles) or between two teams of two players (doubles). Each player uses a tennis racket to **strike** a **hollow** rubber ball covered with felt. To win, you must hit the ball into the opponent’s court without the **opponent** being able to hit the ball back.

Tennis **originated** in the United Kingdom in the late 19th century. At first, people played tennis on courts made of grass! These were called “lawn courts”. Now, tennis is played by millions of people all over the world. The rules of tennis have changed very little since it was created in the 1890s.

Most tennis players play tennis because it is fun. It also is a good way to get exercise. While playing tennis, you do **a lot** of running. You move your arms and legs in many ways that they do not normally move.



Questions:

1) What do you use to hit a tennis ball?

- A. A bat
- B. A striker
- C. A racket
- D. None of the above

2) _____ people can play tennis at once.

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Four
- D. Both B and C

3) Where did tennis originate?

- A. Australia
- B. Asia
- C. The United States
- D. The United Kingdom

4) When did people start playing tennis?

- A. The late 18th century.
- B. The late 19th century.
- C. The late 1800s.
- D. Both B and C.

5) Why do most people play tennis?

- A. Because it is fun.
- B. Because they want to win.
- C. Because they don’t have a basketball.
- D. Both A and B

Vocabulary:

1) If you **strike** something, you...

- A. hit it.
- B. smash it.
- C. hold it.
- D. cross it out.

2) A tennis ball is **hollow**. This means...

- A. it is solid.
- B. is filled with water.
- C. it has air inside it.
- D. None of the above.

3) What is the opposite of **opponent**?

- A. Enemy
- B. Teammate
- C. Ally
- D. Both B and C



4) The passage talks about where tennis **originated**. So, the passage talks about...

- A. where tennis came from.
- B. how tennis is played.
- C. how tennis is scored.
- D. Both B and C.

5) You do **a lot** of running in tennis. This means you...

- A. do a good deal of running.
- B. need to run very much.
- C. need to run very frequently.
- D. All of the above.