

## Sports (Writing and grammar)

**Description:** Sentence completion

**Use with or after:** *English Network Plus (New Edition)*, Unit 15.

**Skill:** Writing and grammar

**Focus:** In eight pairs of sentences, students complete one of the sentences so that it means the same as the other, using active and passive constructions.

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Preparation:**

- Print out the second and third pages of this file.
- Make enough copies so that each student can have one of the worksheets, but not both.

**Procedure:**

- Divide the class into two groups, A and B, on different sides of the room.
- Give the students in each group a copy of the appropriate worksheet, A or B. Working individually, they should complete the sentences in writing.
- When they are finished, ask them to stand up and find a partner from the other group, so they can check their results. Group A has the sentences that group B was supposed to have written, and visa versa.

By the way, this exercise is similar to the examination task “Writing part 1, sentence transformation” in the Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET). This may be of interest to students who intend to go on the the next course with *English Network Certificate Skills*.

**Group A**

Here are eight pairs of sentences about sports. In each pair, finish the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Most Europeans do not understand the rules of American football.

The rules \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2 Two goals were scored by the home team in the first half.

The home \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Our team might win the title this year.

The title \_\_\_\_\_.

- 4 Hockey is said to be the most popular sport in Canada.

People \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 The Toronto hockey team defeated Calgary at the semi-finals.

Calgary \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 The game was watched by sixty thousand fans.

Sixty \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7 People expect that the Toronto team will win the championship.

The Toronto \_\_\_\_\_.

- 8 Roger Federer is thought to be the world's best tennis player.

People \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.

**Group B**

Here are eight pairs of sentences about sports. In each pair, finish the first sentence so that it means the same as the second.

- 1 Most \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The rules of American football are not understood by most Europeans.
- 2 Two \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The home team scored two goals in the first half.
- 3 Our \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The title might be won by our team this year.
- 4 Hockey \_\_\_\_\_ .  
People say that hockey is the most popular sport in Canada.
- 5 The Toronto \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Calgary was defeated by the Toronto hockey team at the semi-finals.
- 6 The game \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Sixty thousand fans watched the game.
- 7 People \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The Toronto team is expected to win the championship.
- 8 Roger Federer \_\_\_\_\_ .  
People think that Roger Federer is the world's best tennis player.

When you are finished, find a partner from the other group and put your worksheets side by side to compare your results.