Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation
Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1……… a competition   a. a schoolboy or schoolgirl
2……… a pupil        b. about something you do alone
3……… an initiative   c. a type of game where you have to work together with other
                         players (e.g. football)
4……… a team sport   d. a series of games with a prize for the winner
5……… to score       e. a new plan or project
6……… individual     f. to get a point in a game

1. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Physical Education is obligatory at school in the UK when you are 15.       True        False
2. All secondary students play football at school.                      True        False
3. All schools offer traditional and modern sports.                True        False
4. Netball is usually played by girls.                    True        False
5. Rounders, dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee are all team sports. True        False
6. Students do more sport at school when they are 17 than when they are 16. True        False
7. Out-of-hours school sport is always after school.                 True        False
8. An intra-school league is a competition for teams from the same school. True        False
9. Ella designed some sports clothes for her school.                   True        False
10. Schools designed multi-sports festivals and inter-schools games during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London. True        False

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2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box.

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1. All pupils in the UK _______________ to do PE at school until they are 16.
2. The sports you _______________ do at school depend on your school.
3. There are some traditional and new team sports you _______________ not know.
4. In netball you _______________ run with the ball.
5. In dodgeball you _______________ to hit the players on the other team with the ball.
6. In Ultimate Frisbee you _______________ run with the Frisbee.
7. If you like PE you _______________ do extra sport after school or at lunchtime.
8. Teachers and educationalists think that young people _______________ do sport.

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice

Circle the best preposition to complete these sentences.

1. The most popular sport in / at / of school is football.
2. In netball there are seven players at / of / on each team.
3. Rounders is similar to / of / with baseball or softball.
4. In dodgeball players throw the ball in / on / at the players on the other team.
5. They try and hit players on the other team to / of / with the ball.
6. In dodgeball many balls are used to / at / in the same time.
7. Schools often have teams that play to / for / in intra-school leagues and competitions.
8. I play by / at / for the school team on Saturdays.
9. I’m not good at / with / in any sport.
10. We play matches of / against / to other schools every week.

Discussion

Do you do sports at school? Which sports do you do and do you like doing school sports?