

- 4 Which sports do you most enjoy watching or playing, and which do you least enjoy? Why? Practise giving your answer.

5 Listen to the person on Track 08 talking about a sport.

- 1 Which sport is he talking about? _____
- 2 Listen again and answer questions a–f below.
 - a What phrasal verb means *increases gradually*? _____
 - b What is a synonym for *supporters*? _____
 - c What verb means *have the same number of points or goals at the end of the game*? _____
 - d What two words are used to describe where this sport is played? _____
 - e Which phrase means *scored the goal that won the match*? _____
 - f What phrase is used to describe someone who is likely to be very successful in the near future? _____
- 3 What other words and phrases does the person use to talk about the sport?
- 4 Listen again and make notes. Then read Track 08 on page 100 and use your dictionary to check your answers.

- 6 Look at the card below. Create a similar card for your own favourite sport and a second one for the most popular sport in your country (if this is different from your own favourite sport). You can find information about the sport(s) on the Internet, as well as in books, magazines and newspapers.

Tennis

Where is it played? *on a tennis court*

What equipment is needed to play it? *a racquet, tennis balls*

What is the most important event associated with this sport? *Wimbledon, held in London every summer*

Terminology and phrases used to talk about the sport

Describing the shots: *serve, volley, smash, forehand, backhand, on the line, out*

Scoring: *point, game, set, match*

People: *player, umpire, ball boy/girl, trainer/coach*

Useful phrases: *He/She's broken his/her opponent's serve. He/She's served an ace. It's gone to a tie-break. What a great shot! He/She's serving for the match.*

Why do you/the people in your country like this sport? *It's a battle of the mind as much as the body. I find it interesting to see how some players may be highly skilled but don't have the mental strength to win.*