

Intermediate - Hockey (C0055)

A: Hello everyone! I'm Rick Fields, and here with me is Bob Copeland.

B: Howdy folks, and welcome to today's game! You know, Rick, today is a key game between Russia and Canada. As you know, the winner will move on to the finals.

A: That's right, and it looks like we're just about ready to start the match. The ref is calling the players for the face-off... and here we go! The Russians win possession and immediately set up their attack! Federov gets checked hard into the boards!

B: Maurice Richard has the puck now, and passes it to the center. He shoots! Wow what a save by the goalie!

A: Alright, the puck is back in play now. Pavel Bure is on a breakaway! He is flying down the ice! The defenders can't keep up! Slap shot! He scores

B: What an amazing goal!

Key Vocabulary

goalie	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	position in hockey; person who tries to stop the puck from going in the net
breakaway	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	state of becoming separated from a large group (especially in sports)
save	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the act of preventing a ball or puck from going in the net
puck	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	small, round, black object that is used to play hockey
win possession	<i>phrase</i>	get control
check	<i>verb</i>	use your body to push someone in hockey

ref	<i>common noun, singular</i>	person who makes sure the players follow the rules in a game
face-off	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a way of beginning a game by dropping the puck between two players
key	<i>Adjective</i>	very important
finals	<i>common noun, plural</i>	last game or series of games in a tournament or championship

Supplementary Vocabulary

hockey stick	<i>common noun, singular</i>	long wooden stick shaped like an L; used for playing hockey
arena	<i>common noun, singular</i>	large building where sports are played
rink	<i>common noun, singular</i>	ice surface used to play hockey or skate on

NHL

National Hockey
League; group of pro-
fessional hockey teams
that play in Canada
and the US

league

common
noun, sin-
gular

a group of sports teams
that play against each
other