



Sports



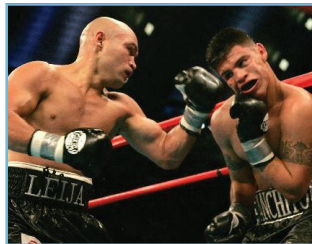
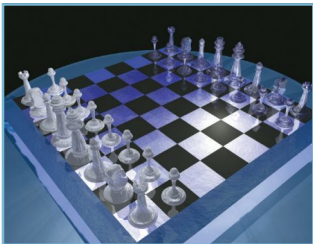
Introduction

Read the given words and write the name of the sports with which they are associated. Take help from the Aid Box.

AID BOX						
Athletics	Badminton	Cricket	Billiards	Chess	Boxing	Shooting

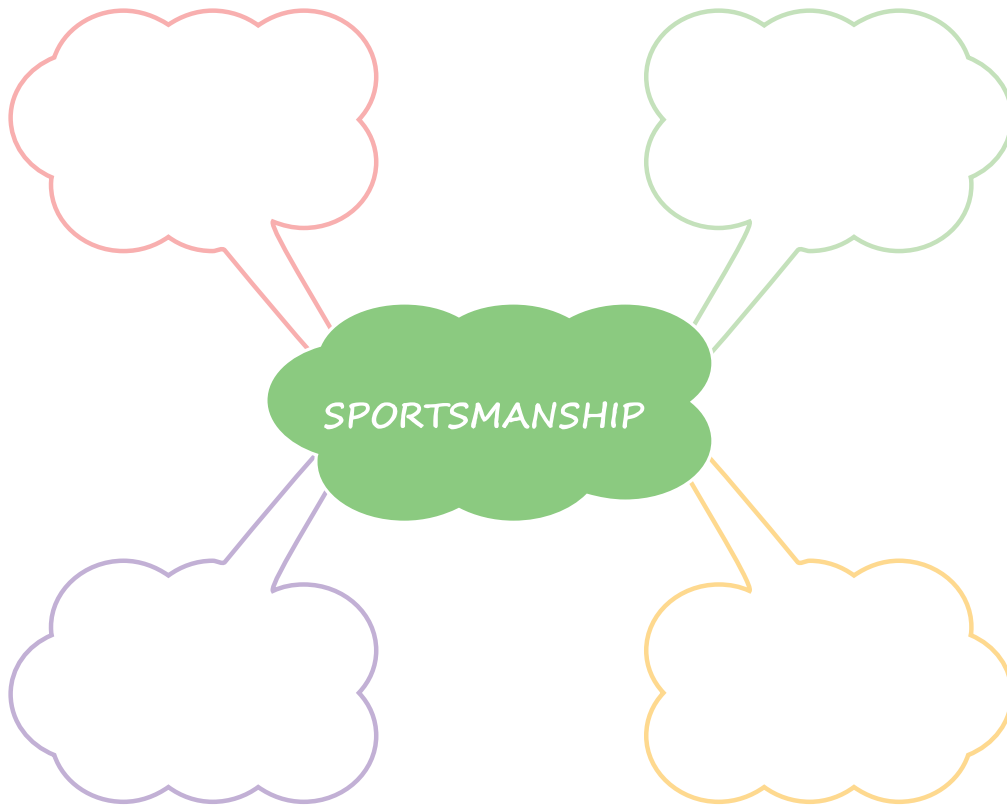


- (i) Relay _____
- (ii) Deuce _____
- (iii) Cue _____
- (iv) Checkmate _____
- (v) Knock-out _____
- (vi) Hat-trick _____
- (vii) Bull's eye _____





- A.1.** You are good in sports and wish to become a successful sports person. Discuss with your partner and write down the qualities you should develop to achieve your dream.



- A.2.** Have you ever felt jealous of your best friend? Share any one experience with your partner.



A.3. Now read the story.

▶ A True Friend

Rahul and Raj were best friends studying in Class-IV. Rahul was good at sports but poor in studies. Raj was good at both. They often had a cycling contest. Raj always managed to win. As a result, Rahul became jealous of Raj.

The sports day was near. Everyone was practising for it. Rahul and Raj were very good at athletics. Rahul was determined to win. But he was not sure whether he could score a win over Raj. Slowly, he started talking lesser and lesser with Raj. Raj asked him the reason many times but Rahul always put him off with one excuse or the other.

One day before the sports day, Rahul hit upon a plan to defeat Raj. He went to the ground before anyone had arrived there. He dug a small pit on the path where Raj was supposed to run, he covered it with leaves and went back to his classroom. When the race



started, Raj was ahead of Rahul but after some time, Raj stepped on the pit and fell down. He was seriously injured.

Rahul overtook him. He was very happy as his plan had worked and he had won the first prize. Rahul took the trophy home. His parents were also very happy. His friends were proud of him but now Rahul was not happy. He started feeling that he did not deserve the trophy as he had cheated and had hurt his best friend. He could not sleep properly that night. Next morning, he went to the Principal's room. He opened the door and said, 'Excuse me, Sir. Could I speak to you for a while?'



Inside, he admitted that he had dug the pit in which Raj had fallen down. The Principal said, 'I am happy that you have realised your fault, Rahul. You should make friends with Raj and promise me that you will not betray him again. Besides, you must study very hard and secure good marks like your friend.'

Rahul went to Raj and apologised to him from the core of his heart. Raj forgave him and agreed to be friends with him again.

After some days, a class test was held. Rahul gave a poor performance. He managed to score very less marks. His Principal said, 'This is your last chance. If you do not perform well in the term-end examination also, you will be punished.'



Rahul was ashamed of himself and cried bitterly. Raj came to him and said 'Rahul, do not worry. This is just a class test. Start studying well and work hard from now onwards. If you do so, you will do much better in the term-end exams.' Rahul thanked Raj. He worked hard. Raj helped Rahul in every way he could. When the term-end examination result was announced, everyone was surprised to see that he had not only topped in the class but beaten Raj as well. Raj was the first one to congratulate him.

Indeed, it was the happiest day of Rahul's life. He thanked Raj, who had stood second. His Principal was also very happy with their results. After this, Rahul and Raj remained true friends ever after.

A.4. Tick (✓) the appropriate answer.

(i) Rahul was jealous of Raj because he—

- ☐ always won in cycling.
- ☐ always stood first.
- ☐ was good at heart.

(ii) Rahul dug a small pit on the path because he wanted to—

- ☐ dirty the track.
- ☐ hurt Raj.
- ☐ win the race.

(iii) Rahul worked hard for the term-end examination because—

- ☐ he was competing with Raj.
- ☐ the Principal had given him a warning.
- ☐ he was feeling guilty.



A.5. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

‘Do not worry. This is just a class test.’

(i) Who is the speaker of the above line? Whom is he talking to?

(ii) Why is the listener worried?

(iii) What does the statement tell you about the speaker's character?



A.6. Complete the dialogue between Raj and Rahul, where Rahul apologises to Raj for his act.

Rahul : _____, Raj.

Raj : What are you sorry for?

Rahul : You don't know but I had _____ where you were supposed to run.

Raj : Why did you do that?

Rahul : I wanted to _____, but now _____ my mistake and apologise to you from _____.

Raj : I am happy that you have _____ your mistake. I _____ you. Let's be _____ again.

A.7. Answer the given questions.

(i) Why was Rahul not happy even after winning the race?

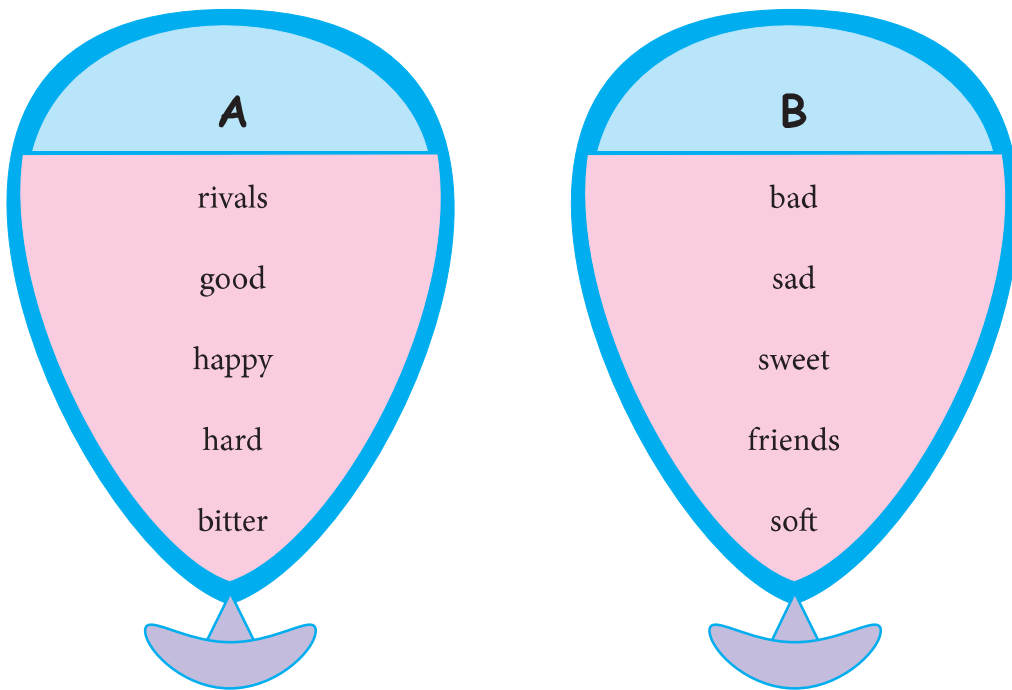
(ii) Do you think Rahul deserved the trophy? Give a reason for your answer.

(iii) What warning did the Principal give Rahul?

(iv) Why was everyone surprised to see the term-end examination result?



A.8. Match words having opposite meanings.



Now use the words given in the balloon 'A' to fill in the blanks below.

- (i) The Principal congratulated Rahul for his _____ performance.
- (ii) Shiela is very _____ as her brother is coming from America today.
- (iii) The mechanic hit the bolt _____ with his hammer and broke it.
- (iv) India and Pakistan are great _____ in cricket.
- (v) Travelling in a ship was a _____ experience for Sunita, for she often suffered from sea sickness.