

**SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 5**  
**CULTURE 3:**  
**BRITISH SPORTING**  
**EVENTS**

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**DO YOU PLAY ANY  
SPORT  
PROFESSIONALLY?**

**HOW DO YOU SEE  
THAT SPORT?**



**WHAT ARE THE MOST  
POPULAR SPORTS IN YOUR  
COUNTRY?**

**DOES SPORTING COVERAGE  
ON TV FAVOUR MALE  
DOMINATED SPORTS?**

**ARE CERTAIN SPORTS  
PREFERRED BY DIFFERENT  
SECTIONS OF SOCIETY?**



**YOGA**









# ROWING









# CRICKET









# RUGBY





- 1 SPEAKING** Answer the quiz questions (1–6) in pairs.  
Choose from the sports below.

cricket football golf horse racing  
motor racing rowing rugby tennis

- 1 The Open and the Ryder Cup are both famous events in which sport?
- 2 In which sport does a British team compete against teams from other countries in the Davis Cup?
- 3 In which sport do England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, France and Italy compete in a competition called the Six Nations?
- 4 In which sport do Oxford and Cambridge compete on the River Thames each year?
- 5 If England is playing Australia at Lords in an Ashes match, what sport is it?
- 6 The Grand National and the Derby are both famous events for which sport?



2  4.08 Listen and check your answers to the quiz in exercise 1. Which contestant wins: John or Milly?



**WHICH SPORTS  
DO YOU ENJOY  
WATCHING?**





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**FA CLUB**









# ROYAL ASCOT RACECOURSE









# WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIP





**3 Read the fact files. Which of these pieces of information (a–f) are in all three fact files?**

**a** when the event was first held

**b** prize money

**c** where the event is held

**d** frequent winners

**e** when the event is held

**f** size of the audience





## ROYAL ASCOT

- Ascot Racecourse in the south of England is less than 10 km from Windsor Castle, a royal residence, and has been a horse racing venue for more than three hundred years.
- Royal Ascot takes place every June and lasts for five days. Each day begins with the arrival of the royal party.
- Spectators who enter the Royal Enclosure at Ascot must be dressed formally, including top hats for men.
- The Queen is a fan of horse racing and has owned 22 winners at Ascot. Owners can receive up to £350,000 if their horse wins a race.



## THE WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The Championships are held for two weeks every summer at the All England Lawn Tennis Club in London.
- About half a million spectators come to watch the tennis matches live, while TV coverage is seen by roughly 380 million people in nearly 200 countries.
- In 1968, the prize money was £2,000 for the men's singles champion and £750 for the women's singles champion. Between 1877, when the event started, and 1968, the winners received nothing.
- These days, men and women receive equal prize money – nearly £2 million for a singles title.



## THE FA CUP FINAL

- The FA Cup is a competition for football clubs from all divisions of the English league and has been held every year since 1872, except during the two World Wars.
- The clubs which have won the trophy most often are Manchester United and Arsenal (both twelve times) and Tottenham Hotspur (eight times). The winning team receives £1.8 million.
- Since 1923, the final has been played at Wembley Stadium in London. About 200,000 spectators watched the first Wembley final, far more than the official capacity of the stadium.
- During the 1956 final, Manchester City goalkeeper Bert Trautmann broke his neck. However, he kept playing for the remaining seventeen minutes and made several important saves, helping his team to victory.







# COMMENTATORS





4 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Decide on the advantages and disadvantages of seeing a major sporting event a) live at the event and b) on television. Use the words below and your own ideas.

action replay   atmosphere   close-ups  
commentators / commentary   convenience  
cost   crowds   excitement   memories



**5 INTERNET RESEARCH** Find out about a sporting event in your own country. Use the list in exercise 3 to help you. Present the information as a fact file.



# **ASSIGNMENT: SUMMARY**

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY**