

Writing skills practice: An email about sports – exercises

Look at the email and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Write the names of the sports in the boxes below the picture.

volleyball	football / soccer	ice hockey	rugby
hockey	American football	Australian rules football	surfing
			
			

To: brett.walker149@mailme.ca

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Subject: Re: sports

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① Dear Brett

② Thanks for your email. You do lots of sports at school in Canada. I'd love to play ice hockey one day.

③ We do lots of sports at our school too. We've got a swimming pool at school and our class go swimming every Wednesday. We also play tennis, volleyball and football, but football in Australia is different to soccer. You can touch the ball with your hands!

④ There are lots of after-school sports clubs in Australia too. I go to a surfing club after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We go to the beach and learn how to surf. It's great fun! Can you surf in your country?

⑤ Write soon

Rob

Send Save Cancel

Top Tips for writing

1. *Begin your email 'Dear' + name.*
2. *Begin your email with thanks or the reason you are writing.*
3. *This paragraph has got one idea.*
4. *This paragraph has got another idea.*
5. *End your email 'Write soon' + your name.*

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Rob is from Canada. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Rob wants to try ice hockey. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | There is a swimming pool at Rob's school. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Rob goes swimming on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Rob thinks football in Australia and soccer are the same. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Rob often goes to the beach. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your writing: paragraphs

Rewrite this email and put it into paragraphs like Rob's email above. (1: *Begin the email.* 2: *Reason for writing.* 3: *First main idea.* 4: *Second main idea.* 5: *End the email*)

Dear Rob Great to hear from you! Let me tell you about sports at school in Canada. At school we play a lot of team sports like soccer, baseball and basketball. My favourite team sport is basketball. I'm good at it because I'm very tall. I play basketball two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. I also go swimming at school, but I don't really like swimming. It's boring! We do lots of sports after school in Canada. I live in Calgary and it's very cold in winter, so we do lots of winter sports like ice hockey, snowboarding and skiing. It always snows a lot in winter and I go skiing every weekend. It's great fun! I play ice hockey for my town, in the under 14s team. Last week I scored a goal! Write soon and tell me about sports in Australia. Brett

