

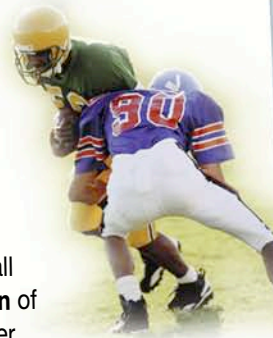


# Culture Corner

## American Sports

### Touchdowns & Runs

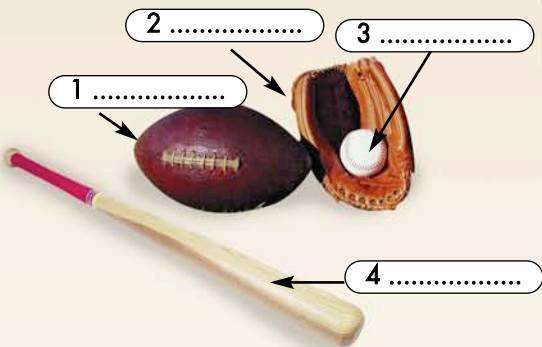
In the US the most popular sports are baseball and American football. They are the national sports of America.



#### Vocabulary

1 Look at the picture and label the items. In which sport is each one used? What do you know about each sport?

- baseball bat • baseball glove
- American football • baseball



#### Listening

2 Listen and label the sentences as T (True) or F (False). Then listen again and check your answers.

- The New York Yankees are a baseball team. ....
- Americans collect baseball cards as a hobby. ....
- Football is a winter sport. ....
- Each football team has 9 players on the field. ....

#### Reading

3 Read the article and label statements 1-6 as C (Correct) or I (Incorrect). Then correct the incorrect sentences and explain the words in bold.

- The national sports of America are football and rugby. ....
- The Dallas Cowboys are a football team. ....
- Baseball is a summer sport. ....

Baseball is a summer sport. There are nine **players** on each team. Each team has 4 types of players: a pitcher, a catcher, four infielders, and three outfielders. Each player takes a turn at the bat and tries to hit the pitches and **score** a run by reaching home base safely. The goal of the game is to win by scoring more runs than the other team.

Each large US city has its own **professional** baseball team. Some of the most famous US baseball teams are the New York Yankees, the LA Dodgers, the Houston Astros, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Boston Redsox. The most famous US baseball player of all time is Mickey Mantle. Collecting baseball cards and other autographed items is a popular **hobby** in the US for kids and **grownups**.



- In baseball you score touchdowns. ....
- The annual baseball championship is called the 'Superbowl'. ....
- Mickey Mantle is the most famous US baseball player of all time. ....

Football is a winter sport. American football is a **combination** of rugby and soccer.

Each football team has three types of players: the offense players, the defense players, and the special teams. Each football team has 11 players on the **field**. The **objective** of the game is to score touchdowns by passing the other team's goal line with the football.

As in baseball, every large city has its own professional football team. Some of the most famous US football teams are: the Denver Broncos, the New York Giants, the Chicago Bears, and the Dallas Cowboys. American families attend games together or watch national games live on TV. The **annual championship** called the 'Superbowl' is a national event.

#### Speaking

4 Answer the following questions.

- What's the most popular sport in your country?
- Do you play any sports? Which ones?

#### Writing

5 **Portfolio:** Write a paragraph about the most popular sport in your country. Use the text in Ex. 3 as a model.