

1a Warm up Some sports have different names in American English. Match the words to the photos.

- football horseback riding
 rodeo soccer track (and field) 5



1b 08 Listen to Hailey talking about sports in American schools. Which sports does her school have?

- cross-country running field hockey
 football horseback riding
 ice hockey soccer swimming
 tennis track (and field)
 volleyball wrestling



1c 08 Listen again. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Who provides the sports facilities and equipment?
 a the school b the parents
 c the students
- 2 Which sports don't girls do?
 a field hockey and football b wrestling and swimming
 c wrestling and football
- 3 Which sports is Hailey going to do next year?
 a cross-country running and swimming
 b wrestling and swimming
 c field hockey and swimming

2 Read the blog on page 2 carefully and answer the questions.

- 1 What are the sports in the photos?
- 2 How many barrels are there in barrel racing?
- 3 What beach sports are popular in California?
- 4 When did skateboarding begin?
- 5 Does Manu like skateparks?
- 6 Where is ice hockey most popular?
- 7 How many ice hockey players are there in a team?

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POETRY

NON-FICTION

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Blog of the week: Sports

Hi! I'm Riley. This week we asked you to write about the popular sports in your home state. I'm from California, so tomorrow I'm going to write a blog about surfing. Don't miss it!

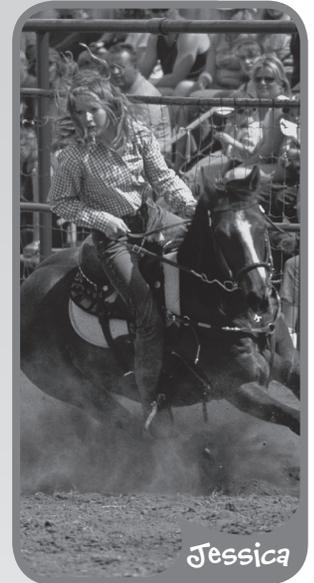
My name is Jessica Thomas and I'm from Montana. We've got some amazing mountains and beautiful countryside here, like Yellowstone National Park. I want to be a mountain guide because I love the outdoors and horseback riding. A popular sport here is the rodeo. My favorite rodeo event is barrel racing – that's when you ride your horse around three barrels as fast as possible. My best time is 15 seconds! I've won three times with Striker, my horse.

Hi, I'm Manu Sorros. We have great weather in California so we spend a lot of time outdoors. I like surfing and beach volleyball but my passion is skateboarding. Did you know that skateboarding started in LA in the 1950s? Some surfers were tired of waiting for the waves so they invented a way to surf the streets! In the 1970s there was a drought so people couldn't fill their swimming pools. That's when skateboarders started doing tricks in empty pools. Now we have special skateboarding parks. I'm going to Venice Beach Skatepark on Friday – it's awesome! It's the best place to practice my high jumps.

I'm Aiden Olson. My state, Minnesota, is a really good place for outdoor sports. Ice hockey is the most popular sport across northern USA and Canada. The best teams in the USA are right here in Minnesota! There's a good reason for it – winters are long and icy, so Minnesotans have to be comfortable on ice. Believe it or not, kids here can skate before they start kindergarden. I play for my junior high school team. We only win half our games but it doesn't matter – we just want to be on the ice. There's a lot of competition but only six players can play at one time. On Saturday we're playing against last year's state champions – wish us luck!



Riley



Jessica



Manu



Aiden

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statechamp675 - Friday at 19:03 See you on the ice, Aiden!

Project space Sport in my region/country

3 Write a blog entry. Include information about sport in your region/country:

- where you're from and what it's like
- your favourite sport
- most popular sports
- local sports hero