

Sports Vocabulary Crossword

Read each clue and write the sports word in the boxes, one letter in each box. Use the word bank if you get stuck!

Name _____

Date _____

HOW TO PLAY

1

read a clue

2

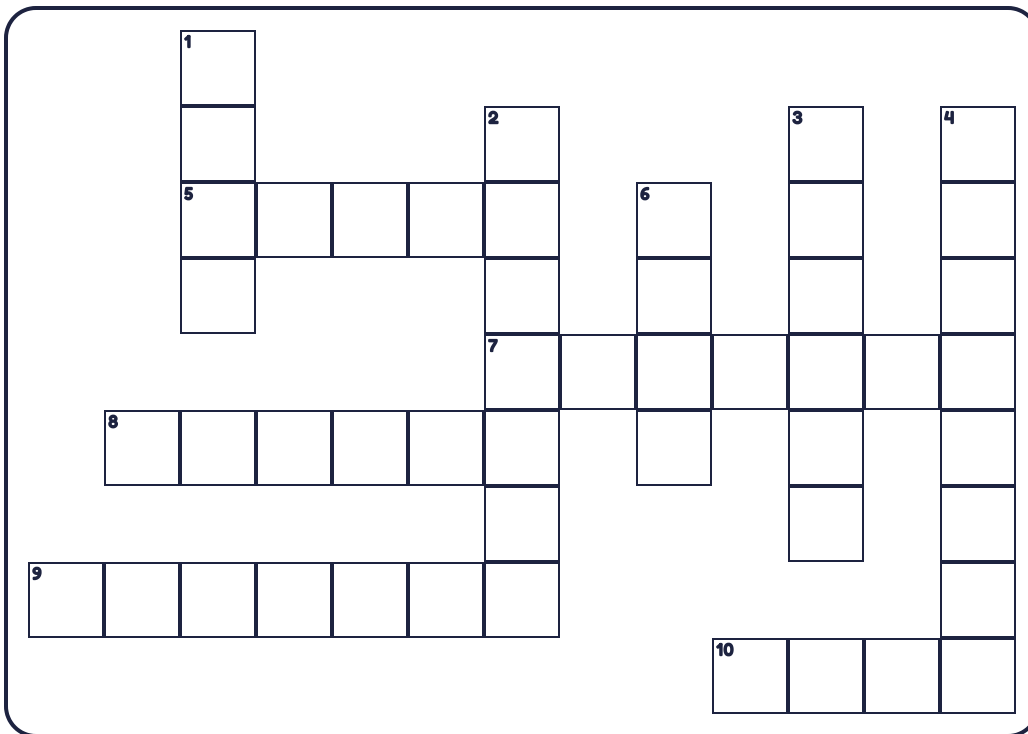
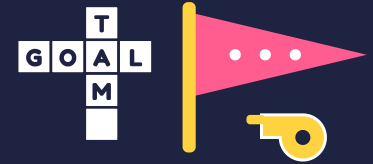
count the boxes

3

write one letter in each box

10

sports words to find



Word bank

10 words

☐ COACH

☐ DUNK

☐ GOAL

☐ HELMET

☐ INNING

☐ PUCK

☐ REFEREE

☐ STADIUM

☐ TEAMWORK

☐ WHISTLE

Across

- 5** The grown-up who teaches the team and plans practice. (5 letters)
- 7** A huge place with lots of seats where big games are played. (7 letters)
- 8** A hard hat that keeps your head safe. (6 letters)
- 9** The official who makes sure everyone follows the rules. (7 letters)
- 10** Jumping up and slamming the ball down through the hoop. (4 letters)

Down

- 1** The flat rubber disk that hockey players hit. (4 letters)
- 2** The referee blows this to stop play. (7 letters)
- 3** A big-league baseball game has 9 of these. (6 letters)
- 4** Players helping each other and working together. (8 letters)
- 6** In soccer and hockey, you score one by getting the ball or puck into the net. (4 letters)

A Which Sport?

Write each word under the sport it belongs to. Each sport gets 3 words.

DUGOUT

RINK

TOUCHDOWN

HOOP

SKATES

INNING

END ZONE

BACKBOARD

PUCK

QUARTERBACK

HOME RUN

DUNK

Hockey

Basketball

Baseball

Football

B Two Meanings

Some sports words have another meaning, too. Is the **bold** word used in its **sports** meaning or an **other** meaning? Check one box.

1 The pitcher threw a fast **pitch** right over home plate.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

2 A **bat** hung upside down in the dark cave.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

3 The judge walked into the **court** and everyone stood up.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

4 Our team practices on the basketball **court** after school.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

5 Grandpa caught three fish in his **net**.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

6 The puck slid past the goalie and into the **net**.

☐ Sports ☐ Other

C Unscramble It

Each word is from the crossword. Put the letters in the right order.

1 K C U P

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2 L O A G

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3 H A C O C

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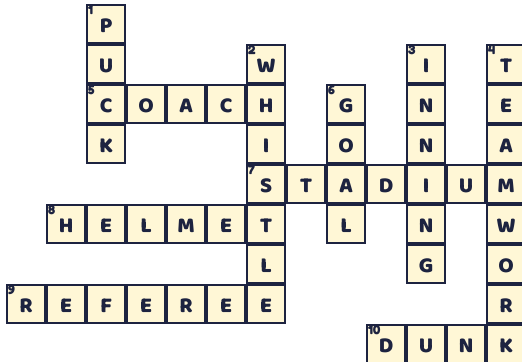
4 K N U D

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Answer Key (for teachers & parents)

Answers for **Sports Vocabulary Crossword**, with the work shown where it helps. Print pages 1 and 2 for students, and keep this page for checking.

Crossword



ACROSS

5. COACH
7. STADIUM
8. HELMET
9. REFEREE
10. DUNK

DOWN

1. PUCK
2. WHISTLE
3. INNING
4. TEAMWORK
6. GOAL

A • Which Sport?

Hockey: Rink, Puck, Skates

Basketball: Hoop, Dunk, Backboard

Baseball: Inning, Dugout, Home run

Football: Touchdown, End zone, Quarterback

B • Two Meanings

1. **Sports** pitch
2. **Other** bat
3. **Other** court
4. **Sports** court
5. **Other** net
6. **Sports** net

C • Unscramble It

1. PUCK
2. GOAL
3. COACH
4. DUNK

Quick score

Crossword	_____ / 10
A • Which Sport?	_____ / 12
B • Two Meanings	_____ / 6
C • Unscramble It	_____ / 4
Total	_____ / 32

Skills practiced

Sports vocabulary

Reading clues

Spelling

Sorting words

Multiple-meaning words

Teaching tip: For Two Meanings, have students picture each sentence, then write their own sentence using "court" both ways.