SPORTS

Unit 7: Lesson 1

Think of the "er" sound. What do you think it sounds like?

O Can you think of a sport that has the "er" sound in it?

Let's list some other words that have "er" in them.

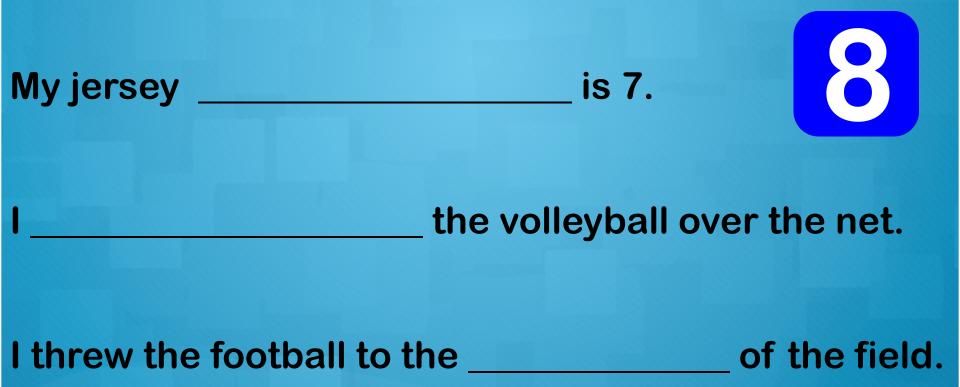


Look at the pictures. What "er" word is being shown?



Nice work! Let's work together to fill in the appropriate "er" word in each sentence.

We like to play basketball



Circle the "er" words you find.

I like to play soccer. My team is called the Timbercreek Tigers. My favourite position is a defender. The number on my jersey is 7, and my teammates say I am a fast runner. I am good at keeping the ball within the field borders and I am the best kicker.

Practice writing a sentence using your own "er" word.











A group of girls play soccer in Arizona.

The World's Game

Soccer is one of the oldest and most popular sports in the world. In the United States, the sport is called *soccer*. In most other places, it's known as *football*.

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A soccer field, or "pitch," has a goal at each end.

The Basics

In soccer, two teams play with a round ball on a large field. Each team tries to put the ball into the other team's **goal**.





A goalie focuses on the ball as he defends his team's goal.

Goalies

A player called a *goalkeeper*, or *goalie*, guards each team's goal. Goalies are the only players who can touch the ball with their arms and hands on the field.



Instead of using hands, players use their chests, feet, heads, and legs.

Moving the Ball

The other players move the ball around the field by kicking it. They can also "trap" the ball by stopping it with their feet, knees, or chests. They can even "head" a ball in the air using their heads!







A player in the Under 11 league shows his dribbling skills in a match in Cape Town, South Africa.

Players run with the ball by **dribbling** it. They kick the ball to themselves with short, quick taps.

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Cleats and shin guards are the only special equipment most players use.

Equipment

Players often wear **cleats** on their feet so they can run on the grass without slipping. Players also wear shin guards to protect their legs.

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Players from different teams shake hands after playing a match.

Soccer Is Good for You

Soccer is great exercise and lots of fun to play! Players learn how to work together and be good sports.

Do You Know?

Soccer players need to be very healthy to chase the ball around the field.

A professional soccer player often runs more than 7 miles (11.2 km) in a game.



What did you learn about soccer?

Tom is a fast runner.



Circle the adjective

Here are some more adjectives we can use

Cheerful	Spee		Quick	Excellent
Impressiv	е	Rough		Wonderful
Tall	Intense		Stron	g

Jane is a cheerful goalie.

Cheerful	Speedy	Quick	Excellent
Impressiv	e Rough		Wonderful
Tall	Intense	Stron	g

My mom says I am a rough player.

Cheerful	Spee		Quick	Excellent
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Josie is an excellent playe

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