



IS USED

organised popular sports games for Greeks to

measure their strength against one another.

people athletic competitions

one day.

A NICE SPORT, ACTUALLY.





BALL GAMES

WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS BALL GAMES ARE

BALL GAME BUT PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVENTING DIFFERENT WAYS TO HAVE FUN WITH A ROUND BALL.



PREVOLLEYBALL

Our ancient ancestors may have loved round objects, too. Perhaps this was what prehistoric volleyball looked like.

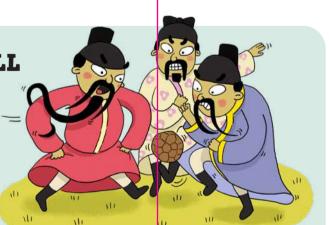


TLACHTLI

Naturally, there was no prehistoric volleyball. But the sport known as tlachtli actually did exist. It was played by ancient Mayas. The goal was to shove a ball through a stone ring. Players were allowed to use their elbows, shoulders, hips, and knees to keep the ball in the air.



Football is the most popular ball game in the world. The sport as we know it was invented in the 16th century England but ancient Chinese were already chasing after a ball during a game that was similar to football.



WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

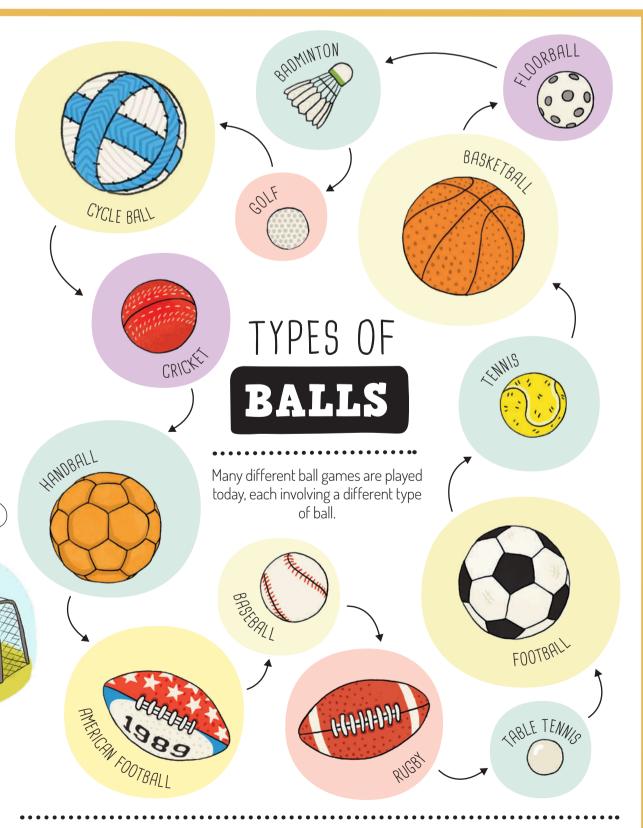
EPISKYROS _

Ball games used to be played in the ancient Greek state of Sparta. It's difficult to say whether the game inspired football, American football, or rugby. It was known as episkyros. The goal was to get the ball behind the opponent's line, using hands and legs.



FOOTBALL, OR RUGBY?

Episkyros was very difficult. Sparta wasn't known for being soft, after all. The sport may have resembled those moments when a friend gets angry while losing at football and grabs the ball with their hands. If that happens, better clear off.



There are great many games involving the round object we call a ball.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHICH AND HOW TO PLAY THEM,





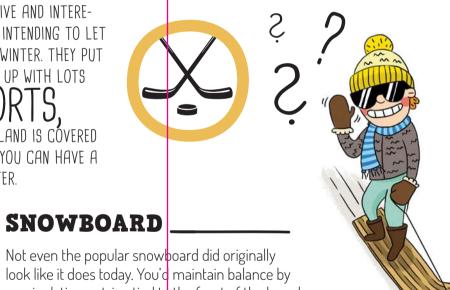




SPORTS

PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVENTIVE AND INTERE-THEMSELVES GO EVEN DURING THE WINTER. THEY PUT

WITH SNOW AND GRIPPED BY COLD. YOU CAN HAVE A



SNOWSHOES .

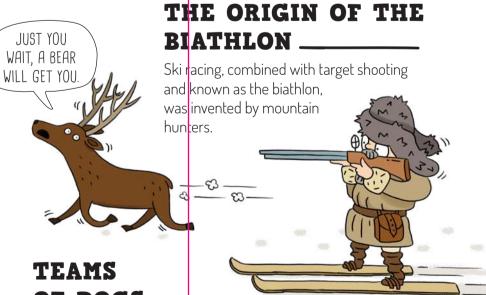
Certain things were originally meant to make people's lives easier, and only later turned into sports equipment. Such is the case of snowshoes, which allowed the wearer walk on deep snow.

INVENTION OF SKIS

The first skis made it easier to move on snow, as early as 8,000 years ago, in the far North. Then people realised they were actually quite fun, too.



Not even the popular snowboard did originally look like it does today. You'd maintain balance by manipulating a string tied to the front of the board.



OF DOGS

LET'S GET HOME, Once people invented the sledge, they set QUICK! IT'S SO COLD. down to figure out how to ride it when there wasn't a hill nearby. What was nearby was the man's best friend—the dog.

THE ORIGIN OF THE HOCKEY

Ice hockey, one of the most popular winter sports in the world, originated in ancient Greece. It was played with a ball and bent sticks.



As hockey evolved over time and became tougher, players were required to wear more and more defensive equipment. Only a complete fool would play without a helmet and guards today.

I'D NEVER MIND THE NET

DRESSED LIKE THIS!

the first hockey equipment of modern players players



modern goalie equipment

original goalie

Winter is beautiful and you can do other things beside sitting at home by the fireplace.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU

CAN DO IN WINTER AND HOW.

PREHOCKEY?

think twice.

Once winter came and prehistoric people got their hands on sticks and

something round, perhaps they didn't

And when our prehistoric ancestors saw a snow-covered hill, maybe they slid down with their entire family, just like we do today.





PRESLEDGE?





for water

AND LEARN ABOUT OTHER ONES.

sports.



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HOW TO DO

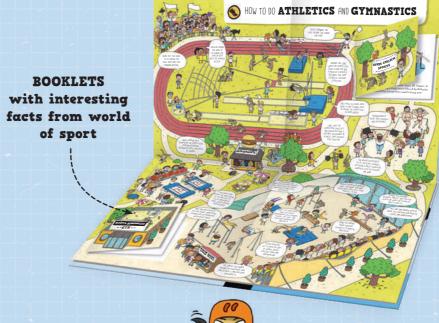
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FOR AGE:

THIS BOOK WILL INTRODUCE LITTLE READERS TO ALL KINDS OF SPORTS.

BOOKLETS with interesting facts from world of sport

LARGE FOLDING MAPS full of fun and information



Sports give you the option of spending your life in an active, interesting way. They develop one's body and spirit and anyone who wants to stay healthy should do at least one, even if only for recreation. This book will introduce you to individual sports and help you familiarize yourselves with many sports disciplines. Perhaps you'll find one that appeals to you and will start pursuing it. You'll learn about athletics and gymnastics, what can be done with a round or oval **ball**, which kinds of **sports** can be done in winter or water, what it means to do motor sports and what types there are, and last but not least what martial sports, cycling, and other interesting games are. The book will show you where the various types of sport come from and teach you their storied history—all this with large folding maps full of funny illustrations and captivating texts.





ATHLETICS and symnastics



BALL **SPORTS**



winter



WATER

molor **SPORTS**





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