

### 12.3. Language Awareness :

Tennis is said to be one of the court sports because it is played in a court does that mean that basketball is a court sport too? Why? Is boxing a court sport? Why? It is also considered one of the racket sports because it is played with a racket, can you think of any other sports that are played with a racket? Does badminton and squash come in mind? What do you think of table tennis?

Tennis is a royal sport because it was invented by a royal family do you know who invented tennis? Have you heard of the princess who used tennis to choose a husband? The princess believed that to win in tennis, a prince should be very strong and have physical fitness but ironically the prince who did win was too fat to hit the ball himself thus his servants used to hit it for him hence the name serve. When he used to win, love is declared instead of a zero. Do you know any other sport that have a romantic or royal origin?

Tennis has so many officials do you know how many? Can you think of any other sport that has this number of officials? The head judge or the chair umpire sits on a chair beside the net. Can you think of any other sport that has a chair official? An official can be called judge, referee and umpire in your favorite sport what is he called?

Tennis is also called lawn tennis do you think it is because it's played on a lawn? What is a lawn? Can a ball bounce on a lawn? Why not? Does the floor absorb the movement of the ball? Can you think of any other sport where the bouncing of the ball is very important? Does basketball come in mind? Can you consider soccer a sport where the floor absorbs the movement of the ball? Why? Do you know that tennis can be played on different types of courts? There are courts made of clay, grass, carpet and hard courts? Which one do you think is best for the player? Why? Which one is the worst? Why? The grip is very important in tennis why do you think? Can you think of any other sport where the grip is important? Does weightlifting come in mind? What else?

Do you know that volleyball was derived from tennis? The net in volleyball is placed higher and the ball was replaced by a larger ball even the skills are very much alike. What common features can you derive from volleyball and tennis? Do you know a sport that is derived from another sport? What? In both tennis and volleyball there are boys or girls who retrieve the ball they are either called ball boy or ball retriever. Do you know any other sport that has ball boys/girls?

Have you heard of Wimbledon? What do you think it is? Is it a famous tennis championship? Do you think there is tennis for disabled? Does wheelchair tennis come in mind? Have you heard of the sport? What do you think of it? Would you like to try it or does it seem too hard? Can you think of any other sport that the version for the disabled seems harder than the sport for the normal people?