

The origins of rugby can be traced back over 2000 years to a Roman ball game called *harpastum*. Many believe that the modern game of rugby was born in England in 1823. William Webb Ellis, a schoolboy, picked up a ball and ran with it during a soccer match. Rugby sevens was included as an Olympic Sport at the 2016 Olympics in Brazil. The 2019 Rugby World Cup was hosted in Tokyo, Japan. This was the first time for it to take place in Asia.

QUIZ: Take a guess!

1.b 2.b 3.c 4.a

VOCABULARY

1	conversion	d.	kick after a try; if it goes through the goalposts the team gets two points
2	forwards	f.	eight attacking players who play in the front of the field
3	backs	a.	seven defence players who play in the back of the field
4	lineout	i.	teams line up opposite each other and jump for the ball
5	tackle	k.	stop a player with the ball by holding him and throwing him to the ground
6	try	l.	take the ball over the try line and touch it on the ground to get five points
7	scrum	c.	eight forward players link together and push to get the ball
8	try line	n.	white line at the end of the pitch, if the ball is touched down on or over this line it's a try
9	hooker	h.	player who throws the ball in line-outs and "hooks" it in scrums
10	fly-half	g.	key player who has strong leadership and often decides when to pass or kick the ball; wears number 10
11	wingers	m.	very fast players positioned on the left and right side of the field who score tries
13	penalty kick	e.	three-point penalty kick awarded if a team breaks the rules
14	drop-goal	j.	ball is dropped to the ground and kicked just after it bounces; if it goes through the goalposts the team gets three points
15	knock-on	b.	player knocks the rugby ball forward with his arms or hands

Unit 15 Top Spin



Table tennis was invented as an after-dinner game in 19th century England. Modern rackets and celluloid balls were first used in 1901. The first world championship took place in London in 1926. It became an Olympic Sport in 1988, and several rule changes were implemented in 2000.

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1.b 2.c 3.a 4.c 5.a

VOCABULARY

1	land	n.	fall from above onto the ground or other surface
2	shot	d.	any specified technique to strike the ball with the paddle
3	stroke	j.	the movement of hitting the ball
4	backswing	g.	moving (a paddle) backwards before hitting the ball