



Ex 1. Translate the words into Russian

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Ex 2. Read and listen to the text about Canada's favorite sport

#### Canada's favorite sport

Canada's favorite sport is ice hockey. All over Canada today, men women, boys, and girls play hockey. Hockey began in Canada. But we do not know exactly how it began.

At first, hockey did not have rules. Then in 1880, Canadian students at McGill University in Montreal made the first rules for ice hockey. These rules changed in 1911 and 1912. The new rules had lines on the ice to make special areas. There were also six players on a team. This is similar to hockey today.

Ice hockey is the world's fastest game. Players often skate thirty miles an hour. They get tired quickly. Often, hockey players leave a game and other players come in. In

hockey players use a stick to hit a puck. A puck is like a ball, but it is flat. It slides on the ice. It is better to use a cold puck because it slides faster. Players put the puck in the freezer before a game. In some games, players use more than thirty pucks! Hockey looks easy to play, but it isn't easy. Players try to hit the puck into the other team's goal. The puck goes faster than the players. Pucks go about one hundred miles an hour. Hockey is a dangerous game. Many players get hurt. Today, players wear special clothes to protect their bodies. The player near the goal wears mask to protect his face. A player with no mask can break his nose or teeth. In the past, there were many players with no front teeth.

Professional hockey teams in Canada and the United States play in the NHL. This means the National Hockey League. The NHL started in 1917. Today the NHL has thirty teams in North America. Twenty-four of the teams are in the United States, but most of the players are Canadian. In the spring, millions of people watch the final hockey game of the year on television. The winner gets the Stanley Cup. The Stanley Cup is the prize for the best hockey team.

People around the world play hockey now. It is popular in the Olympics. But hockey will always be Canada's special game.

Ex 3. Write the correct words in the blanks.

slides	final	team	similar to
areas	skate	prize	at first
dangerous	professional	get hurt	flat

1. Hockey players do not walk on the ice. They wear special shoes to **skate** on the ice.
2. The puck moves smoothly on the ice. It **slides**.
3. People do not play hockey alone. They play hockey on a **team** with other people.
4. There are many hockey games in the year. The last game is called the **final** game.
5. Hockey players sometimes fall and get hit. Hockey is **dangerous**.
6. The best hockey team gets the Stanley Cup. This is the greatest **prize** in hockey.
7. In the beginning, hockey didn't have rules. Today, hockey has rules. **At first** hockey was different from hockey today.
8. A hockey puck is **flat**. It is smooth. It is not like a ball.
9. Ice hockey in 1911 was about the same as hockey today. They are **similar to** each other.
10. Players in the NHL get money to play. It is their job to play hockey. They are **professional** players.
11. The hockey puck goes to many different places on the ice. It goes to different **areas**.
12. Hockey players sometimes fall and break bones. They **get hurt**.

Ex 4. Choose the correct answer.

1. Ice hockey is ...
  - a. the world's easiest game
  - b. the world's fastest game
  - c. the world's newest game
  
2. The NHL ...
  - a. has thirty teams in North America
  - b. started in 1911
  - c. does not play in the spring
  
3. Players change during a game because ...
  - a. they get cold
  - b. they need a new puck
  - c. they get tired

Ex 5. Match the beginning and the end of the sentences.

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| 1. A puck <b>C</b>                  | a. play hockey.                             |
| 2. Players wear <b>D</b>            | b. a dangerous game.                        |
| 3. Canadian students <b>E</b>       | c. slides on the ice.                       |
| 4. Hockey began <b>F</b>            | d. special clothes to protect their bodies. |
| 5. Hockey is <b>B</b>               | e. made the first rules for hockey.         |
| 6. People around the world <b>A</b> | f. in Canada.                               |

Ex 6. Answer the questions

1. Who made the first rules for ice hockey?
2. How many players are on a hockey team?
3. How fast do players go?
4. What do players hit with a stick?
5. Why do players wear special clothes?
6. What is the name of the prize the best hockey team gets?
7. What other sport is dangerous?
8. What is a famous prize in sports?
9. What game is football similar to?