

8. PUNCTUATION AND NUMBERS

- Listen to the recording and fill in the missing words

- Vocabulary

Choose the correct terms (some terms may be used more than once):

on a table	in a ring	on a pitch	on a field	on a track
on a rink	on a course	on a court		

1. Football and rugby are played _____ **on a pitch or field.**
2. Cricket and baseball are played _____ **on a field.**
3. Tennis, volleyball and basketball are played _____ **on a court.**
4. Ice hockey is played _____ **on an ice rink** (or rink).
5. Golf is played _____ **on a golf course**
6. Pool and ping-pong (table tennis) are played _____ **on a table.**
7. Races (running), car racing and horse racing are done _____ **on a track.**
8. Boxing is done _____ **in a ring.**

- **Listening comprehension**

1. T/F/NG: in English a comma is used as a decimal point and it is not used to separate three digits
2. T/F/NG: there are no other sports which refer to a zero score as *love* apart from tennis

Punctuation and numbers

English punctuation **can be** a little confusing for someone coming **to it from** another language. "One pound **and** seventy-five pence" **is written as** "£1.75" (using a full stop); "one thousand" is written as "1,000" (using a **comma**). Commas are used in numbers **to mark off units of** thousands and millions, **whereas** full stops indicate decimal points. Love makes the world go round; except the bits where **the tennis courts are**. Tennis is the only sport in the world to refer to a zero score as 'love': *the score is fifteen love (15-0)*; one theory claims the term is a corruption of the French *l'oeuf* ("the egg") to describe the shape **of the number zero**.