

History

Tennis - Wimbledon history

Can you guess what the sport is from this very old picture?



Clue: The players in France would shout 'tenez' to be ready to start the game. Like when we say 'get ready'.

Tennis - then and now

What equipment do you use in tennis?

Did you know:

- the ball was made out of wood.
- The game was called 'jeu de palme', which means 'palm game' because they did not use rackets at first. They used the palm of their hands to hit the ball.
- Tennis used to be played by royalty and noblemen only



Wimbledon Tournament, UK Tennis

- How has the game changed over the years?
- Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1v0cy5TPog>



Sports clothes in tennis



Look at these photos:

What do you think are the main differences between tennis sport clothes now and then?



Which clothes do you think are easier for playing tennis?



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What else has changed apart from the clothes?

How tennis got a racket...



KS1 & LKS2

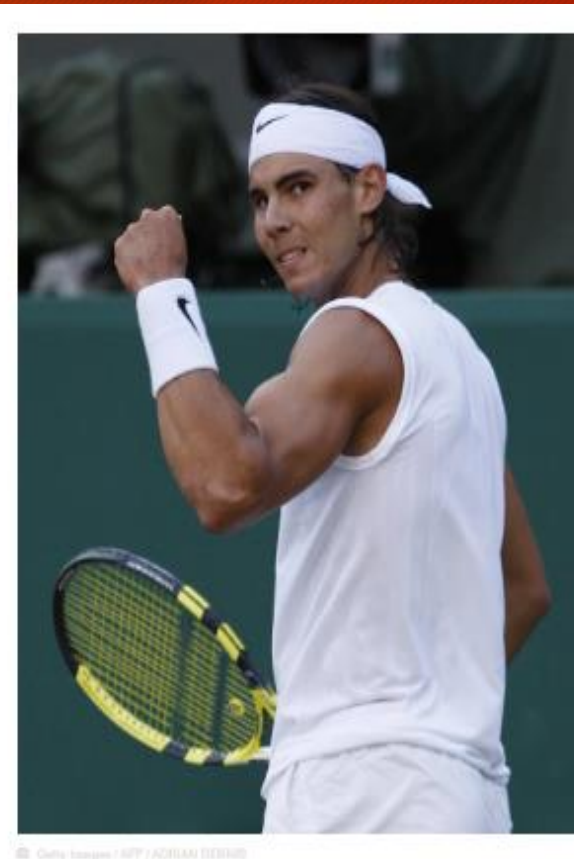
- Have a go at playing ‘jeu de paume’. Use a tennis ball. Can you hit the ball with your palm over to a friend?
- Now play using a racket. Which did you find easier?
- You are going to find out about how the game tennis developed from using hands to hit the ball into the modern style of racket that players use today.
- Listen to an adult / Read the information from the resource ‘History Tracking Rackets’.
- Use the History Resource PRINT to create a timeline for the development of the racket.

LKS2 & UKS2



- Wimbledon has become the UK's most famous tennis event.
- It normally takes place at this time of year. In fact this week would be leading to the finals at the weekend.
- You have the opportunity to relaunch Wimbledon next year. You can choose from the following tasks:
 - Design a new logo for Wimbledon 2021
 - Create a new style tennis outfit for either a male or female player; create an advert and highlight the reasons why the outfit helps players succeed in their game.
 - Design a new racket; think about what the best materials are for making a racket; create an advert for your racket and highlight the key selling points.

Ideas for clothing



Ideas for rackets

