

Simona Halep and Novak Djokovic are the 2019 Wimbledon champions

Elementary

1 Warmer

Match the phrases with the sports.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Grand Prix | a. football |
| 2. Grand Slam | b. cycling |
| 3. World Cup | c. tennis |
| 4. Tour de France | d. motor racing |

2 Key words

Fill the gaps in the sentences with these key words from the text. The paragraph numbers will help you.

favourite

match

grass

tournament

traditional

1. A _____ is a series of games. The winner of each game plays in the next game. In the end, there is one player left. (para 1)
2. _____ is a very common plant with thin green leaves that covers the ground. (para 1)
3. A _____ is the person that people think will win a competition. (para 2)
4. A _____ is a game in sport. (para 3)
5. A _____ activity is one that people do often and regularly. (para 4)

3 Find the information

Find the following information in the text as quickly as possible.

1. When was the first Wimbledon tennis tournament?
2. How many Grand Slam tennis tournaments are there?
3. How many Grand Slam finals has Serena Williams won?
4. Who lost the men's final in 2019?
5. How long did the men's final last?
6. What do people traditionally eat at Wimbledon?

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- 1 Wimbledon is the oldest tennis tournament in the world. The first tournament was at the All England Club in Wimbledon, south-west London in 1877. Wimbledon is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments and the only one in which the players play on grass. The other Grand Slam tournaments are the Australian Open, the French Open and the US Open. The prize for winning the men's or women's Wimbledon tournament is £2.35 million.
- 2 In the women's competition, the favourite was the American Serena Williams. She has won 23 Grand Slam finals, and she has won Wimbledon seven times. But Williams lost the final to the Romanian Simona Halep. It was a very short final and lasted only 56 minutes.
- 3 In the men's final, the world's best tennis player, 32-year-old Novak Djokovic of Serbia, played against the world number three, 37-year-old Roger Federer of Switzerland. Djokovic won. The match was the longest final ever at Wimbledon and lasted four hours and 57 minutes. But this was not the longest match in the history of Wimbledon. In 2010, a first-round match between John Isner of the USA and Nicolas Mahut of France lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes before Isner finally won.
- 4 The Wimbledon tournament happens during the first two weeks of July. In 2019, the weather was warm and sunny, and they didn't lose any days because of rain. During the two weeks of the tournament, hundreds of thousands of tennis fans watched the matches, and millions watched on TV around the world. It is traditional to eat strawberries and cream at Wimbledon. In 2019, people ate about 35,000 kilograms of strawberries and 10,000 litres of cream!

4 Comprehension check

Match the beginnings to the endings to make statements about the text.

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| 1. The Wimbledon tennis championship is ... | a. ... is the world number one player. |
| 2. The men's and women's champions at Wimbledon ... | b. ... lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes. |
| 3. Novak Djokovic of Serbia ... | c. ... the only Grand Slam tournament in which the players play on grass. |
| 4. The 2019 men's final ... | d. ... was the longest final ever at Wimbledon. |
| 5. The longest match in the history of Wimbledon ... | e. ... they didn't lose any days because of rain. |
| 6. The weather was very good in 2019, so ... | f. ... each receive a prize of £2.35 million. |

5 Chunks

Rearrange the words to make phrases from the text.

1. world tournament the in oldest tennis the
2. the weeks during July first of two
3. tennis best the player world's
4. ever the final longest

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6 Prepositions

Complete the phrases from the text using these prepositions.

during

about

around

against

- _____ the world
- play _____ someone
- _____ the first two weeks of July
- _____ 35,000 kg

7 Two-word phrases

Match the words in the left-hand column with the words in the right-hand column to make phrases from the text.

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. south-west | a. tournament |
| 2. first | b. London |
| 3. tennis | c. weather |
| 4. warm | d. round |

8 Discussion

- Do you think tennis is an exciting sport? Why? Why not?

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

2 Key words

1. tournament
2. grass
3. favourite
4. match
5. traditional

3 Find the information

1. 1877
2. four
3. 23
4. Roger Federer
5. four hours and 57 minutes
6. strawberries and cream

4 Comprehension check

1. c
2. f
3. a
4. d
5. b
6. e

5 Chunks

1. the oldest tennis tournament in the world
2. during the first two weeks of July
3. the world's best tennis player
4. the longest final ever

6 Prepositions

1. around
2. against
3. during
4. about

7 Two-word phrases

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