Together in sport

EXPLORE A unique sports tradition



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1. Look at the photograph to learn about polo. Use all these words in a sentence to explain what this sports consists in: horseback, rider, mallet, goal, field, score, ball, team.

Polo, often dubbed as the "Sport of Kings," boasts a rich tapestry of history, extending back over 2,000 years. It's a game entwined² with nobility, strategic prowess³, and most importantly, the enduring partnership between horse and rider. Let's journey back in time to explore the fascinating origins of this equestrian sport. 10 Around the 6th Century BC, in the expansive grasslands of Central Asia, the earliest forms of polo took root. Nomadic tribes, ancestors to the modern Mongols and Persians, played a rudimentary form A Prince William, Jerudong 15 of the game [...]. Fast-paced, physical, and requiring supreme equestrian skill, it was Park trophy, 2017. a means for warriors to hone4 their cavalry skills, improve teamwork, and provide

entertainment during times of peace.

But it was the British who globalized polo. British tea planters discovered the game in Manipur, India, in the 19th Century. Intrigued by this dynamic sport, they established

- 20 the first polo club in Silchar in 1859. The sport, modified and codified, was transported back to England, where it took off among British aristocracy and military, becoming an emblem of the Empire's power and sophistication.
 - Today, polo is played in over 77 countries, and while it retains an air of exclusivity, the sport has become more accessible to a broader audience. It's more than a game; it's a
- 25 cultural phenomenon that embodies skill, strategy, and an unspoken bond between horse and rider. Its rich history accentuates its appeal, rooting it in traditions that span⁵ continents and millennia.

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- 2. combine
- 3. capacity
- 4. improve
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2. a. Read the text focussing on numbers and highlight those that express a date.

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b. Focus on the end of the text and pick out a date expressed through a word instead of a number.	
c. Complete the timeline below rephrasing the elements from the text.	
Dates:	
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- **3. a. Read** both the text and the culture spot and **focus on** names of places and countries. **Colour** the map as follow.
- Green: Where Polo was born.
- Blue: Where it developed in the 19th.
- Orange: Where we play it today.



b. What do you notice about Argentina? What can you conclude?
4. Recap the importance of polo in the Commonwealth using comparative forms.
a. Use popular, big, or large to talk about the countries where we play polo.
b. Use symbolic, proud or strong, to talk about the meaning of the tradition.
5. Pick out elements from the text to justify Prince William's passion for polo.

MAY 2 = 1. Look at the photograph and explain simply what polo consists in.
2. Read the text focusing on the evolution of the place of polo in the world. a. List the different time and space references:
b. Recap the different steps. Make sure to include where and when it was invented, when it started to spread, and today's situation.
3. Explain why polo is "more than a game" (I.24).
4. a. Pick out elements to justify that polo is "an emblem of the Empire's power" (1.22).
b. Comment on the choice of photo to illustrate the article.