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Do you play sports? Are you good with a ball? Look at these pictures. See some games you can play with a ball!





In this picture of a baseball game, a tall man stands at the plate. He is watching the ball. The pitch comes fast. Will he hit the ball? Will he get a strike?

Many people go to the ballpark to see games. Even small children like to watch and play baseball.

Kickball is like baseball, but you kick, not hit, the ball. As in baseball, two teams play this game. There is an even number of players on each side. The team that kicks runs to the bases. Each runner has to get home to score. The other team wants to get the runner out. After three outs, it is the other team's turn to kick.





Here is another game in which players run fast and kick a ball. The picture shows a girl kicking the ball. The score in the game is even, so it is a tie. If the girl makes a goal, her team will win.

You use a ball in basketball, too. This game can be played inside or outside. You need two hoops, one for each team. Many children play this game in school.







In dodgeball, you throw the ball at the players on the other team. When the ball comes at you, you jump to stay out of the way. Some schools do not let children play this game because children can get hurt when the ball hits them. In this picture, you can see that the girl does not want to get hit.

In this picture, you see another game to play with a ball. In tennis, two players hit a small ball over a net. Even good players miss the ball a lot in this game. It takes a lot of running and quick hitting.







Have you ever seen this sport? It is called cricket. Look at the picture. Here, a man has a long, flat bat. He hits a small, red ball. He must run fast. Cricket can be a long game. Sometimes one cricket game can last for many days!



Do you play these ball games? Do you like to watch them? Games can teach us how to work with a team. They can teach us how to win and how to lose. Running for the ball keeps us fit, too. People like to play these games.

If you are tall or small, grab a ball. Play ball and have fun!



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