

# Factsheet

The factsheet will focus on four sports that use grass. We'll then share four amazing grass-related facts that kids will enjoy.

## Have you heard of these sports?

You've probably played football, tennis, or rugby, but have you ever heard of these grass sports?

### Quick sticks

Shinty is a fast-paced Scottish sport where players use curved sticks to hit a ball and score goals while playing on a rectangular pitch. It's all about teamwork, speed, and skill on the grass.



### Made for muggles

Based on the game from the Harry Potter series, this real-life version of Quidditch is played on grass rather than in mid-air. Teams run with broomsticks and use dodgeballs and a volleyball to score points – no magic allowed!

### Giddy up

With fast horses, brave riders, and a game of speed and skill, polo is an exciting sport where players ride horses on a big grass pitch and try to hit a ball into the goal. It's all about teamwork, quick thinking, and having fun on horseback.



### Pull!

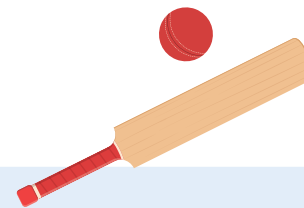
Two teams, one rope, and a test of strength – Tug of War is an exciting sport where teams pull as hard as they can to drag their opponents over the line. Players dig into foot holes in the grass, and then it's all about teamwork, power, and determination to see who's strongest.



## Fun facts about pitches and playing fields



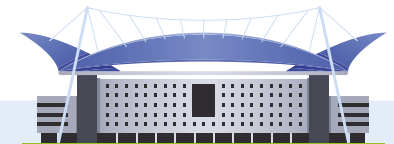
The pitch at Wembley is a mix of natural grass and synthetic plastic fibres.



How grass grows and is cut can affect how a cricket ball bounces, making each game unique.



The grass at Wimbledon is vacuumed and mopped every day during the Championships.



Some stadiums have heated grass to stop it from freezing in winter.

### Did you know?

In Quidditch, the Snitch isn't gold – it's a tennis ball inside a sock!