

READ THE TEXT AND DO THE ACTIVITIES

JUMP, THROW, HIT

An exciting new sport is starting in North America. It's called ultimate trampoline dodgeball (UTD). Rick Platt created the sport and the rules are similar to the game dodgeball. In dodgeball, players try to hit people on the other team with a ball. When the ball hits someone, they are out of the game. In UTD, the players jump on trampolines while they are playing the game.

Platt thinks UTD is better than traditional dodgeball. In UTD, talented athletes of all sizes can play the game well. The players don't have to be as big and tall as players in traditional dodgeball. The trampoline makes it easier to jump than in the traditional game. The players can leap over the ball and throw balls at players from up to three metres in the air.

Platt built 26 UTD trampoline courts in the USA and Canada, and he started national competitions for the sport. The first ever national championship for UTD took place in Los Angeles in 2012. The best 21 teams from around the country competed in the games, and the winner received \$25,000. Platt hopes that UTD will become a professional sport like basketball and football one day.



1) Complete the chart:

Name of sport		Name of similar sport	
Place		Sports equipment	
Name of inventor			

2) Find the opposite to these words in the text:

1. boring
2. different
3. modern

4. more difficult
5. catch
6. worst
7. amateur

3) Answer these questions:

1. What do the players do with the ball?
2. What are they doing while they are playing?

3. How high can players jump?
4. Where was the first UTD national championship?
5. What did the winner get as a prize?
6. What does Platt hope for the future?