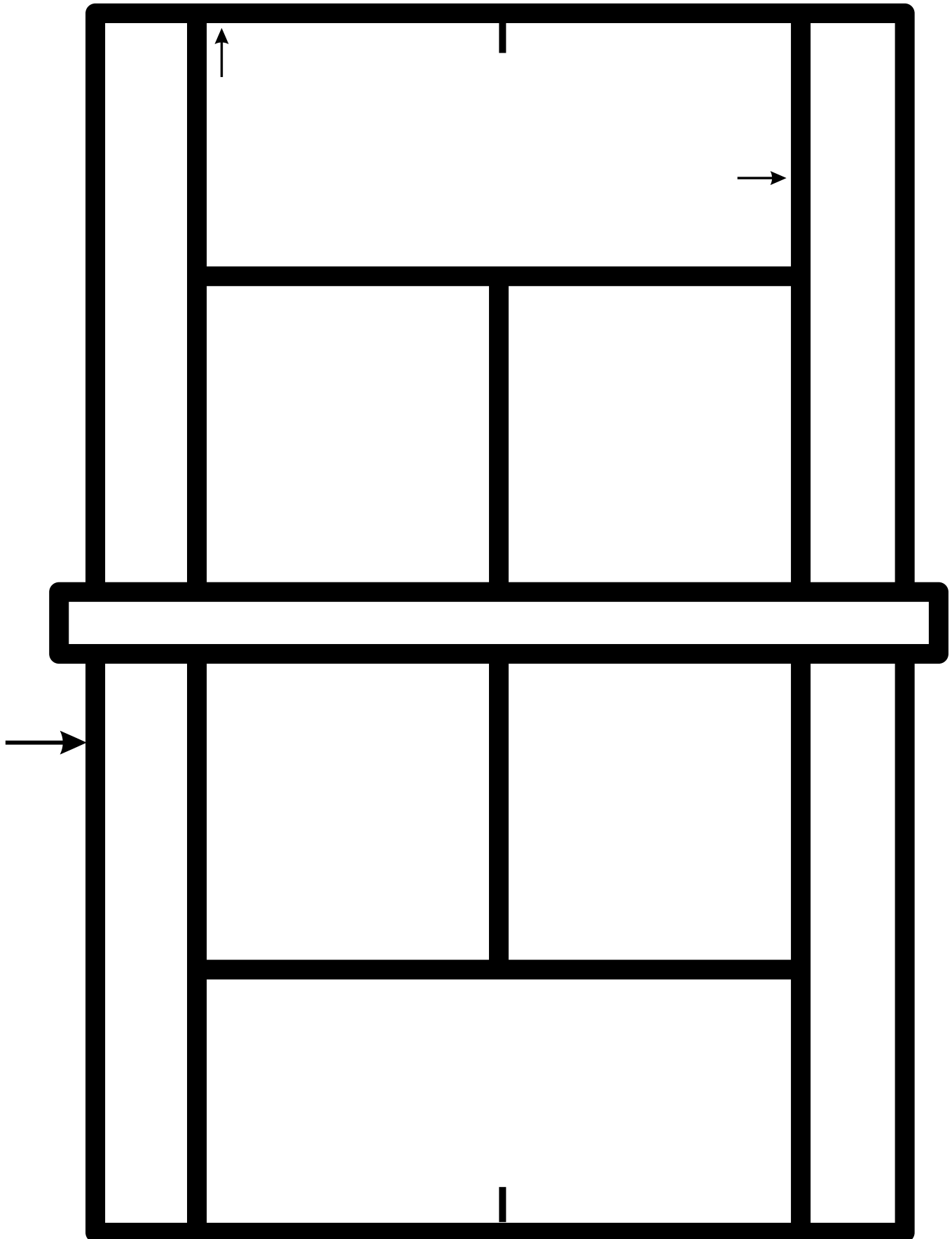
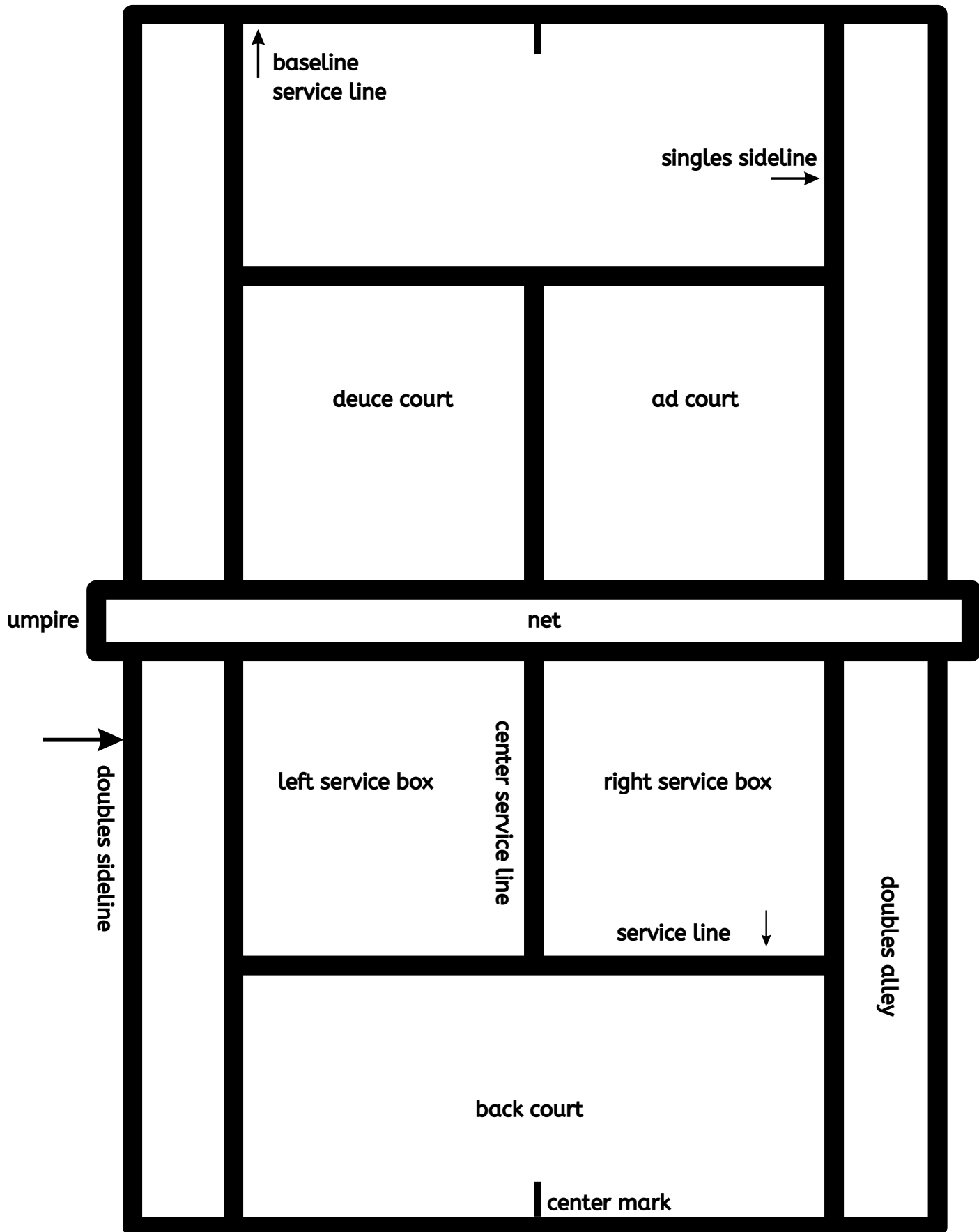


The Tennis Court

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The Tennis Court



TENNIS VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSIONS - GLOSSARY

All – indicates the scores are level. Tied. For example, '15 all' means that both players have a score of 15

Ball boy/girl – professional tournaments use young boys or girls to collect tennis balls during a game

Ball change – in tournaments the balls are changed after a certain number of games to ensure they stay as bouncy as possible

Baseline – the line marking the front and back of a tennis court

Bounce – when a tennis ball hits the ground, it goes back into the air - the ball has bounced. During a match, the ball often becomes less bouncy and needs changing for a new ball

Deuce – if a score gets to 40-40, the score is called deuce – at this stage, the winner of the game is the first player to now win two points in a row

Doubles – a four-player game

Down-the-line – a shot that travels parallel to and along the sideline

Drive – a hard, straight shot often used to pass an opponent at the net

Drop shot – a gently played shot that just gets over the net so the other player can't reach it

Ends – each side of the court (that begins with a baseline)

Fault – a serve which hits the net and / or lands outside the service box

Foot fault – this happens when a server's foot touches the ground in front of the baseline or the wrong side of the centre mark (on the baseline) before the player hits the ball

Game – a player wins a game if, generally, they are the first player to win four points

Ground stroke – a shot that is made after the ball has bounced

Half-volley – a shot hit just as the ball bounces

Let – when a serve hits the top of the net and lands within the service box, it is known as a 'let' and the server must serve again

Lob – a shot played deliberately high into the air to land at the back of the opponent's court

Love – a score of zero points in a game or zero games in a set

Match – Usually, in men's tennis, the first player to win three sets wins the match. In women's tennis, the first player to win two sets wins the match

Match point – a player who only needs one more point to win the match is said to be at match point

Net – the piece of material down the middle of the tennis court that divides the court in half

Player – one of the people involved in playing a game, e.g. tennis player or football player

Rally – the exchange of shots between players. A rally starts when the receiver returns serve and ends when the point is won

Receiver – the player who hits the ball back after a serve

Serve – a point begins with a player serving the ball. This means one player hits the ball towards the other player. (The serve must be played from behind the baseline and must land in the service box. Players get two attempts to make a good serve.)

Server – the player who hits the ball first for each point in a game

Service box – the area where players serve into

Set – Generally, the first player to win six games wins a set

Sideline – the left and right edges of a tennis court

Singles – a two-player game

Smash – an overhead shot hit very hard, usually before the ball has bounced

Stop volley – a shot that slows the ball down a lot and makes it drop just over the net with very little bounce

Tiebreak – if both players win 6 games each then there is a tie-break. In a tiebreak, the first player to win seven points, wins the tiebreak (note: like deuce, if both players get to six points, then the winner is the player who now wins two points in a row)

READING THE PRESS

The player posted his first win – this means that a player has won their first match

Convert a point – this means that the player won that point

The courts were slow – this means the tennis balls did not travel as fast after they hit the ground

I fancy my chances – a player thinks he has a good chance of winning a match against an opponent

The underdog – the player that is expected to lose

Hung on in the match – continued to win points to stay in the match even though it looked like the player should lose

TALKING TO FRIENDS

S/he will win because they are hungry for the title – if you say this you think that the player really wants to win the title

My favourite is out – the person you really wanted to win has lost their match and is out of the tournament

The player is at his peak – if you say a player is at their peak, you mean they are playing at there very best

Goran is a legend!! – you think this player is very, very good

Don't write that player off – you think that a player still has a chance of winning, even if they are not playing well

The player has been given an easy draw – this means that the player only has to play against easy opponents to get to the final

That player is out of form – that player is not playing well



Tennis



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7. _____ The score given to a player who has won two points in a game
8. _____ A return made by hitting the ball before it bounces
9. _____ A hard, overhead shot
10. _____ Soft short shot just over the net
11. _____ How a point is started
12. _____ How a point is started

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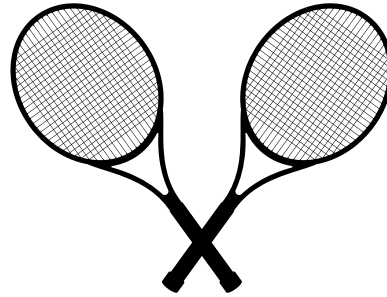
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TENNIS

Tennis is one of the oldest sports in the world. The name 'tennis' is said to have come from the French expression 'tennis' which means take. The player preparing to serve the ball usually called out this word to the receiver at the other end of the court.

Tennis started off as an indoor game called Court or royal tennis, which used to be played by French and English royalty. It was only in 1873 that 'lawn tennis' (which is popularly played today) was introduced by a British army officer, Major Walter Winfield.

Lawn Tennis was first played on a court shaped like an hour glass and divided by a high hung net. It required speed, agility and a great deal of accuracy in hitting the ball. It soon became popular with the English young people.

Shortly after lawn tennis was introduced in Britain, an English officer who was sent on duty to Bermuda took a long supply of balls and rackets. The game became popular, there too. At that time an American girl by the name of Mary Erwin Outerbridge happened to be visiting the island. When she saw the game of tennis being played, she became very enthusiastic about it. Before returning home to New York, she purchased a few rackets and balls and took them with her.

Miss Outerbridge had hoped to interest her friends in the new game, but the other girls did not take to it first. They feared it was not very lady like to leap and dash about the court. However, the boys, especially her brothers enjoyed it tremendously. Gradually, tennis spread throughout United States and Canada.

In 1877, the first lawn tennis championship matches were held at the old Wimbledon grounds near London. A few changes were made in the game during the championship. The court was no longer hour-glass shaped but was rectangular. The net was lowered and the badminton method of scoring abandoned.

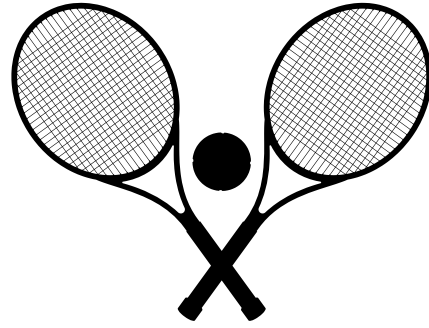
Not long after, tennis began to spread to other countries of the world. Today, it has become popular, a popular sport enjoyed internationally by both the sexes.

A. Choose the correct answer and underline it:

1. Tennis was first played
 - a) by the Japanese
 - b) in China
 - c) in Africa
 - d) by the French and English loyalty.
2. Lawn tennis was originally played in
 - a) a rectangular shaped court
 - b) a square shaped court
 - c) an oval shaped court
 - d) an hour-glass shaped court
3. The skill required in the game of tennis is
 - a) speed
 - b) agility
 - c) accuracy
 - d) all of the above



4. Tennis was brought to America by
a) Mayor Winfield
b) Mary Erwin Outerbridge
c) an English officer
d) an American General
5. The first lawn tennis matches were held in
a) 1871
b) 1875
c) 1873
d) 1877



B. Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

a) Where did the word 'tennis' originate from and why was this word used?

b) What is lawn tennis?

c) How is the court of lawn tennis divided?

d) How did tennis become known in America?

e) Why did the girls not like tennis initially?

f) What is the difference between tennis played then and tennis as it is played today?

g) What does 'it' in the last paragraph refer to?

C. Write True or False:

- a) Tennis is one of the oldest sports in the world.
b) Tennis was first played in the United States.
c) Tennis started off as an outdoor game.
d) Miss Outerbridge tried to interest her friends to play tennis.
e) Today tennis is played only by men.

TENNIS – QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is a missed serve called? _____
2. What is a legal serve called when the receiver cannot touch the ball? _____

3. How many people are playing during a doubles match (total number on the court)? _____
4. How many games does one team need to win in order to win a set (as long as the team is winning by two games)? _____
5. What type of a shot is used when a player is at the net and hits the ball before it bounces on his/her side of the net? _____
6. Hitting a ball after it has bounced by reaching across your body (left side of body for a right handed player), is what type of a stroke? _____
7. What word is used when scoring in tennis to mean 0? _____
8. When stating the score before serving, whose score is stated first? _____

9. What numbers are used when scoring in tennis? _____
10. What should a player do when a ball rolls on his/her court (and is distracting) while playing out a point? _____
11. Where do you stand when serving a legal serve? What is the name of the line?

12. How many chances do you get to make a legal serve? _____
13. What is it called when you miss both serves? _____
14. What is it called when you hit a serve that lands in the service box but it has also hit the top of the net? _____
15. Is the ball called "out" or is it inbounds when it lands on a boundary line? _____

16. When you hit a shot diagonally from one side to the other, what is the name of the shot you made? _____

17. What is it called when you hit a ball straight down one sideline? _____

18. How many sets do you need to win in order to win the match (high school rules)?

19. Once a serve is in play, what situations determine the end of a point? _____

20. Which player(s) is/are responsible to make the line calls when the ball is out of bounds? _____

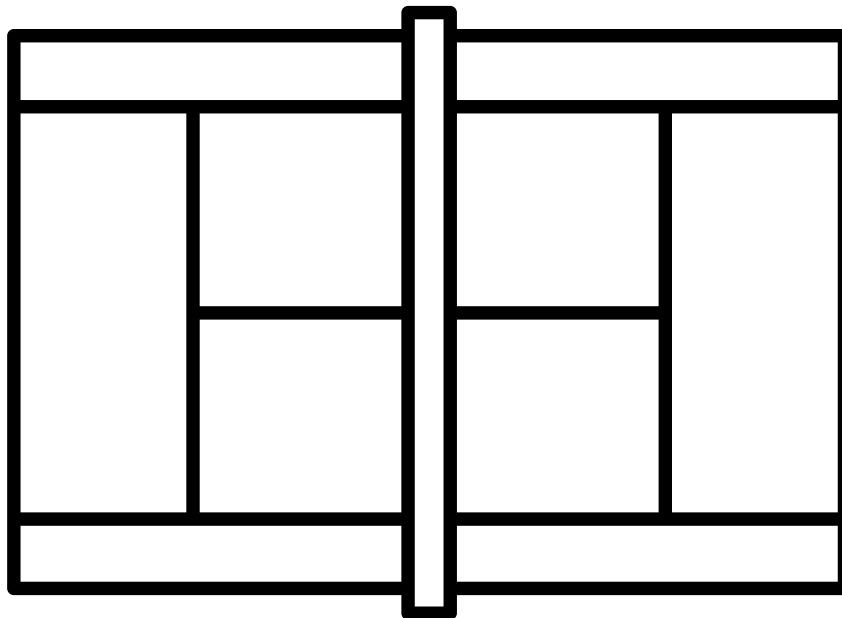
21. When your tennis ball rolls onto a court while a match is being played, what should you do? _____

22. Could 6-5 be a final set score? Why or why not? _____

Could 4-2 be a final set score? Why or why not? _____

23. What is the score when the receiver has 2 points and the server has 1? _____

24. Once a point is played out when the server was on the right side of the court, which side should he/she serve from next? _____



Top 10 Tennis Players



Who do you think are the top 10 male tennis players of all time. Then, check your answers.

<http://www.atpworldtour.com/en/rankings/singles>

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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Tennis



1. slice To hit the ball with a cut so the ball loses speed and bounces lower
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12. serve How a point is started

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2. _____ Pete Sampras _____
3. _____ Rod Laver _____
4. _____ Raphael Nadal _____
5. _____ Novak Djokovic _____
6. _____ Bjorn Borg _____
7. _____ Ivan Lendl _____
8. _____ Jimmy Connors _____
9. _____ John McEnroe _____
10. _____ Andre Agassi _____

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