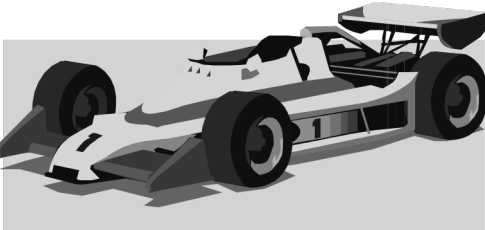


Games and Sports in the French-Speaking World

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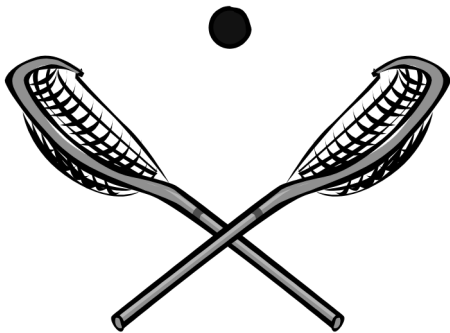


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Answers:

1. **b. yellow.** The **Yellow jersey** (French: *maillot jaune*) is the jersey worn by the leader of many multi-stage bicycle races, originally and most notably the Tour de France. It allows the rider who was in the overall lead at the end of the previous day to be easily identified.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maillot_jaune

2. **a. fencing.** **Foil** (French: *fleuret*) — a light thrusting weapon; the valid target is restricted to the torso, the chest, shoulders, and back; double touches are not allowed. This weapon follows the rule of "right of way." **Épée** — a heavy thrusting weapon; the valid target area covers the entire body; double touches are allowed. **Sabre** — a light cutting and thrusting weapon; the valid target area is the saddle line, which is from one side of your hip to the other and up, this also includes the head. The target area does not include the hands.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fencing>

3. **c. Iroquois.** The French Jesuit missionary, Jean de Brébeuf, saw Iroquois tribesmen play it in 1637 and was the first European to write about the game. He called it *lacrosse*. Some say the name originated from the French term for field hockey, *le jeu de la crosse*. Others suggest that it was named after the *crossier*, a staff carried by bishops. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lacrosse>

4. **a. tennis.** The **French Open** (French: *Les Internationaux de France de Roland Garros* or *Tournoi de Roland-Garros*) is a major tennis tournament held over two weeks between mid-May and early June in Paris, France, at the Stade Roland Garros. It is the second of the Grand Slam tournaments on the annual tennis calendar and the premier clay court tennis tournament in the world. It is one of the most prestigious events in tennis, and it has the widest worldwide broadcasting and audience of all regular events in this sport.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stade_Roland_Garros

5. **b. 24.** The **24 Hours of Le Mans** (*24 Heures du Mans*) is the world's oldest sports car race in endurance racing, held annually since 1923 near the town of Le Mans, Sarthe, France. Commonly known as the **Grand Prix of Endurance**, it is organized by the Automobile Club de

l'Ouest (ACO) and runs on a circuit containing closed public roads that are meant not only to test a car and driver's ability to be quick, but also to last over a 24 hour period.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/24_Hours_of_Le_Mans

6. **a. deserts.** The **Dakar Rally** (or simply "**The Dakar**"; formerly known as "**The Paris-Dakar**" or "Paris to Dakar Rally") is an annual "rally-raid" type of automobile race. Most events since the inception in 1978 were from Paris in France to Dakar in Senegal, but due to political instability in Africa, the 2009 Dakar Rally was run in South America. Despite its name it is an off-road endurance race—the terrain the competitors traverse is much tougher and the vehicles used are true off-road vehicles. Most of the competitive special sections are off-road, crossing desert dunes, mud, camel grass, rocks and erg. The distances of each stage covered vary from short distances up to 800–900 kilometers (500–560 mi) per day.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakar_Rally

7. **a. les Bleus.** The **France national football team** wears blue jerseys and represents the nation of France in international football. It won the World Cup as the host nation in 1998, and the European Football Championship two years later, while also placing second at the 2006 World Cup tournament. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France_national_football_team

8. **c. 1896.** In the late 19th century, Baron Pierre de Coubertin was inspired by Olympic festivals to revive the Games. For this purpose, he founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894, and two years later, the modern Olympic Games were established in Athens.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Olympic_Committee

9. **b. basketball.** In 2026, Victor Wembayana played for the San Antonio Spurs, Zaccharie Risacher for the Atlanta Hawks, and Rudy Gobert for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_French_NBA_players

10. **a. hockey / Montreal Canadiens.** **Joseph Henri Maurice "Rocket" Richard** was a professional ice hockey player who played for the Montreal Canadiens from 1942 to 1960. The "Rocket" was the most prolific goal-scorer of his era, the first to achieve the feat of 50 goals in 50 games. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Richard

11. **c. pawns.** In 1749, Philidor, who was the best chess player of his time and also a musician, published his famous book *Analyse du jeu des Échecs*. He was the first one to realize the new role of the pawn in the chess game; and his most famous advice was the saying "The pawns are the soul of chess." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fran%C3%A7ois-Andr%C3%A9_Danican_Philidor