

An illustration of a stage setting. At the top, a row of five green spotlights hangs from a rig. The background is a light beige wall with a teal horizontal band across the middle. Two hosts stand on the stage. The host on the left is a man with dark hair, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt and purple and yellow striped trousers. He holds a red and blue microphone in his right hand and waves with his left. The host on the right is a woman with dark hair, wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and a yellow pleated skirt with black vertical stripes. She also holds a red and blue microphone in her right hand and waves with her left. In the foreground, there is a large purple oval shape divided vertically, and a black and white soccer ball to its right. The title 'BIZARRE SPORTS AROUND THE WORLD' is centered in the background.

BIZARRE SPORTS

AROUND THE

WORLD

Vocab

Gear
Contact sport
Goalie
Round(s)
Annual
Hazardous
Objective
Origins
Equipment
Competitor
Prize

“Set a record”
Co-ed sport
Set (like in
volleyball)
Tie
Martial Arts
Acrobatic





Underwater Hockey

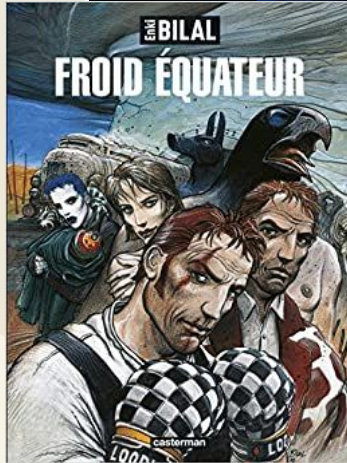


- AKA “**Octopush**”
- 1950s England
- Recognised by **International Olympic Committee**
 - Not an olympic sport
- Regional, national, and international championships
- Necessary **gear**: mask, snorkel, fins, gloves, puck, and a 30cm stick
- 6 players per side
- **Must hold your breath**
- Not a contact sport



CHESS BOXING

- Invented in a 1992 French comic book *Froid Équateur* by Enki Bilal
- Began in Berlin in 2003
- 11 rounds
 - 6 of chess
 - 5 of boxing
- Each round lasts **3 minutes**
- How to win: checkmate or beat them at boxing
- **Gear:** boxing gloves, boxing ring, chess board



Chess

Boxing



Cheese *Rolling*

- Annual event in **Cooper's Hill**, England
 - On Spring Bank Holiday
 - Last Monday of May
- 3-5 kg wheel of Double Gloucester cheese
- **Objective:** catch the cheese OR first to reach the bottom of the hill
- Cheese can reach up to 110 km/h (70mph)
- *Unknown origins*
 - Roman history or 15th century?
 - New Year's Tradition
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEh3wz-92i4>



EXTREME *IRONING*

- Leicester, England, 1997
- Recognized in 1999 with the group **Extreme Ironing International**
- 2002 World Championship in Germany
- 2008 72 divers set a World Record for number of people ironing at once
- 2016 Official Extreme Ironing Club at De Montfort University in Leicester



Extreme Ironing





EXTREME IRONING



EXTREME *IRONING*



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***EXTREME* IRONING**



You can make anything
EXTREME



ZORBING

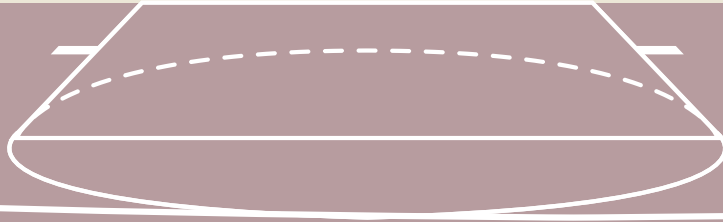
- Human hamster balls
- Created in the 1980s by the Dangerous Sports Club
 - Eventually abandoned
- 23 meter **diameter** sphere
- Popularized in 1994 in New Zealand
- Participants are called *Zorbonauts*



Indoor *Bubble* Soccer



1. Where does the annual cheese rolling competition take place?
2. Describe one place we saw extreme ironing in.
3. What country was Zorbing popularized in?



Quick
Review

Spain's National **Siesta** Championship

- 2010 in the mall Islazul
 - In Carabanchel
- **Prize money:** 1,000 euros
- **Equipment** needed: a pulse meter, sofa
- Challenge to re-embrace the siesta in a fast-paced workaholic world
- Winner: Pedro Lopez, security guard
- Judged based on how fast they fell asleep, their sleeping posture, and if they snore



***What sport
do you think
we will talk
about next?***



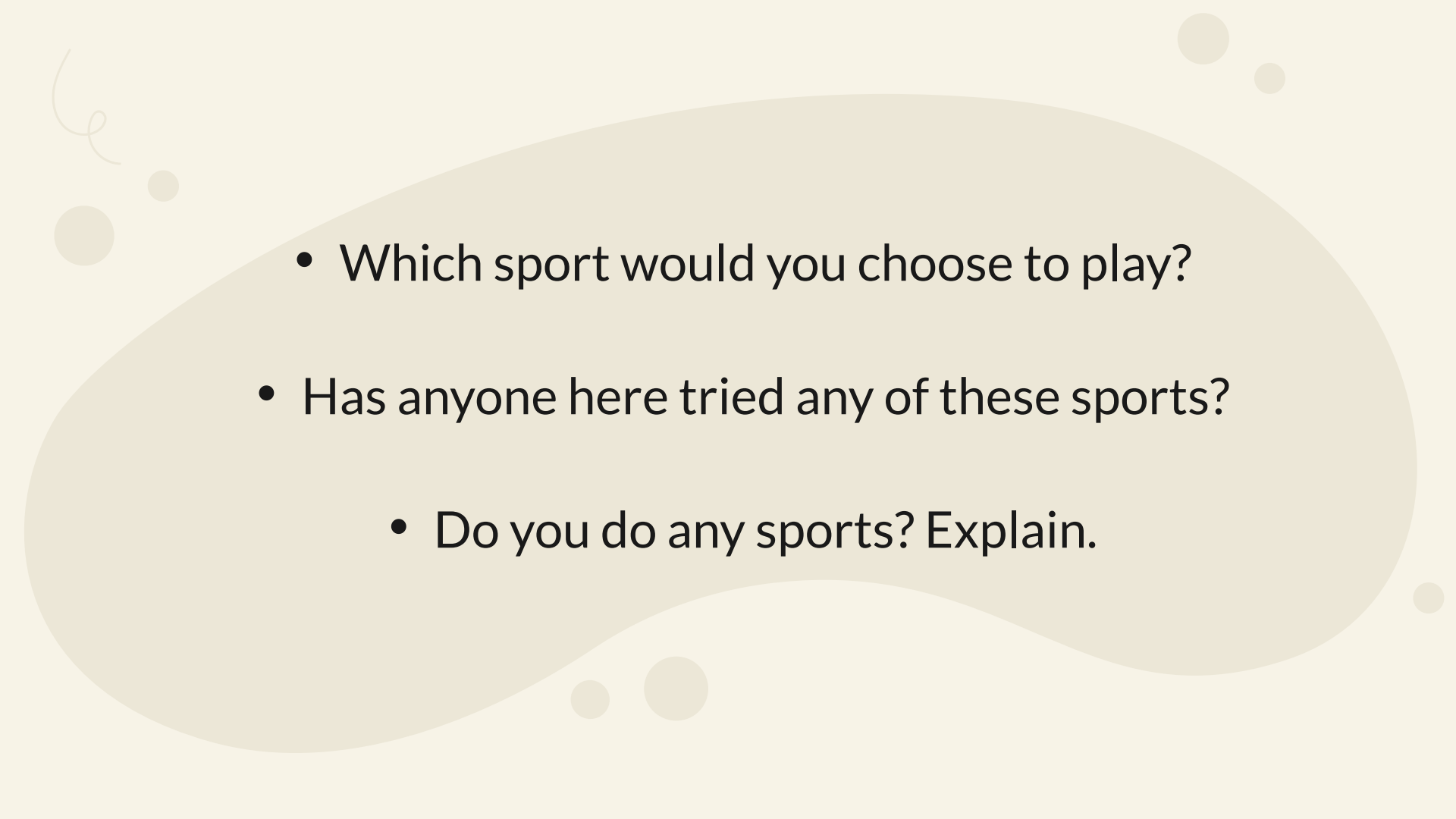
Quidditch

- Co-ed sport
- From the Harry Potter universe
- Mix of rugby, handball, dodgeball, and water polo
- 170 teams in the US
- 7 people per team on the field
- Gear: Quaffle (ball), 3 goals, broomsticks
- Roles:
 - 2 Beater,
 - 3 Chasers,
 - 1 Keeper,
 - 1 Seeker,
 - the 1 Snitch



Quidditch



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- Which sport would you choose to play?
 - Has anyone here tried any of these sports?
 - Do you do any sports? Explain.

Bog Snorkeling

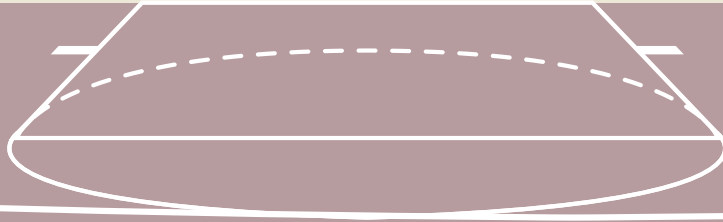
- Started in Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales
- First played in 1976
- Equipment: snorkel and flippers
- Objective: Race through a 55m (60 yard) bog trench
- You can only kick with your **flippers** to swim
- Using your arms to swim is forbidden



Bog Snorkeling



1. Which book series does Quidditch come from?
2. True or False: The prize money for Spain's Siesta Competition was 2,000 Euros



Quick
Review

Create your own bizarre sport



How do you win?

What are the rules?
How many players do you need?

What gear do you need?

Where is it played?

On a field? Under water?
Indoors? Outdoors?
In a specific country?

What is the prize?

If your team wins, what do you win?