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**It's Tennis Time!**



The tennis season is in full swing at the beginning of the new school year. This special Bonus Issue of *Scholastic News*, brought to you by the United States Tennis Association, can give you and your students the inside scoop on all the action. Stories inside this issue feature:

- On the road with the #1 ranked men's doubles team in the world
- Tennis fever overtakes Belarus in September
- Local tennis action across the U.S.

Your students will explore what it means to be part of a team, play fun grammar games, and hone their knowledge of the world with a special geography section! Plus, you and your students will have the opportunity to **win a trip to New York City to attend the 2005 US Open** and great prizes for your school! Entries must be postmarked by 10/29/04. (See back cover for details.)

**Teaching the Cover Story**

**Wonder-Twin Power**

**Standard LANGUAGE ARTS:** Students read to build an understanding of texts, of themselves, and of the cultures of the United States and the world and to acquire new information.

**Summary**  
Bob and Mike Bryan have been playing tennis since the age of six. Currently, these 26-year-old twins are the #1-ranked doubles team in the world. In this Special Bonus Issue Cover Story, *Scholastic News* takes a look at the importance of teamwork, finding a sport that

makes you feel great about yourself, and the power of building friendships.

- Background**  
**BRYAN BROTHERS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**
- College: Stanford University (1996–1998)
  - Became professional tennis players on June 15, 1998
  - Currently ranked as the #1 doubles team in the world
  - 2004 U.S. Davis Cup Team members
  - Grand Slam Winners: French Open (2003)

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- Grand Slam Semi Finalists: US Open (2002) & Wimbledon (2001 & 2002)
- Grand Slam Quarter Finalists: Australian Open (2002) & French Open (2002)

#### KIDS AND TEAMWORK

- Up to 25 percent of children drop out of team sports within the first three years of playing, and sometimes they drop out for socially unacceptable activities.
- The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) encourages children of all ages to

join a team sport for its exercise benefits as well as to build self-esteem, friendships, and problem-solving skills.

- Coaches and parents should emphasize the fun aspect of sports, not the competition. If a child's first sports experience is positive, they are more likely to pursue other physical activities throughout life.

#### BODY TYPE

There's no such thing as the "right" body type, but there are three basic categories that most bodies fall into.

- Ectomorphs: lean, long and lanky, and small bone structure with narrow hips and a small

waist. Ectomorphs find it difficult to put on weight.

- Endomorphs: round, large bone structure, shorter legs. Endomorphs find it easy to gain weight.
- Mesomorphs: broad shoulders, narrow waists, and broad hips. Mesomorphs naturally carry weight around their hips and thighs.
- Tennis can be adapted to fit almost every physical need, and players don't need to be "experts" to have fun.

#### Critical Thinking

- Is it valuable to play a team sport as a teenager? What are the benefits of being a part of a team? What are the potential challenges? How does self-esteem affect participation in sports?

## Answer Key

### Tennis Action Across the Globe

1. United States/  
North America
2. Spain/Europe
3. Belgium/Europe
4. Australia
5. South Africa/Africa
6. Japan/Asia
7. South America

### Grammar Ace

Serena Williams was born on September 26, 1981, in Michigan. She lives now in Florida. Serena's been playing tennis since she was 5 and a half and became the #1 ranked tennis player in the world in 2002. Serena has a sister, Venus Williams. Together, they won the gold medal in doubles at the 2000 Olympics and became the first sisters to win the Olympic doubles event ever. Serena does more than always play tennis. She reads a lot and her favorite author is Maya Angelou. Serena says, "If I could be anything other than a tennis player, I would be an actress or a fashion designer."

# Classroom Team Writing Activity .....p. 3

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### Summary

Team tennis is a great way for young people to socialize, support one another in a fun activity, work together to accomplish a goal, and just relax and have fun. Just as teammates work together on the court, it's a team effort in the classroom as well. Try this quick and fun activity with your students to teach them the value of teamwork.

### Lesson Idea

1. Write a topic on the board.
2. Make three lists on the board and label each category nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

3. Have the first student choose a word to begin a sentence. Have the following student choose the next word to add. As each student participates, they will complete the sentence.
4. Challenge students by setting a timer to increase the speed of the activity.
5. Continue the activity until a paragraph is formed. Read it aloud as a class.
6. As a class, edit and/or rewrite the paragraph directly on the board.

### Critical Thinking

- What are the advantages or disadvantages of being part of a team?

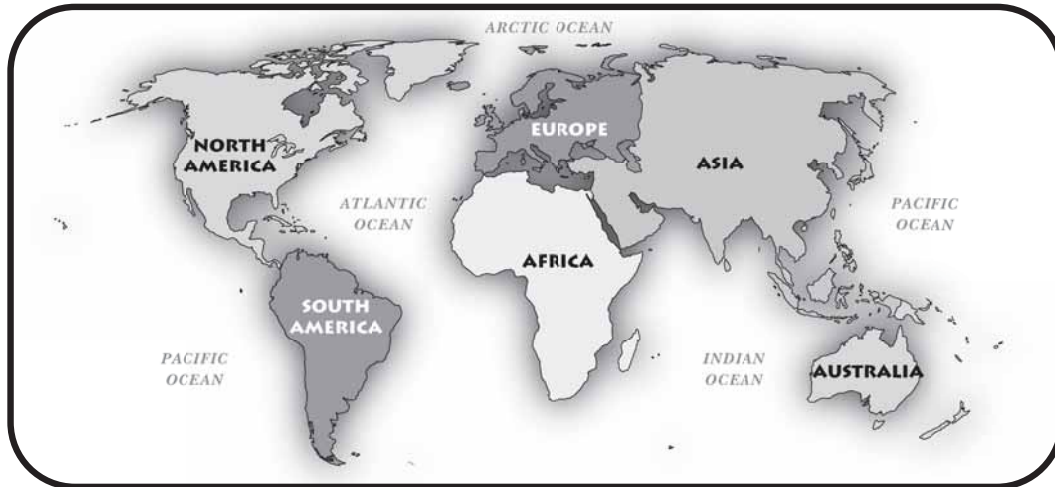
### Resources

- Visit [www.scholastic.com/tennis](http://www.scholastic.com/tennis) for games and resources for your students.

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# Tennis Action Across the Globe



The modern game of tennis originated in 1873 in France as a game called court tennis. Henry VIII played royal tennis at Hampton Court in London, a place still in existence today. In 1874, Mary Ewing Outerbridge set up the first U.S. tennis court in Staten Island, New York. Over time, the sport has become as diverse in its players as in its history. The map above shows the seven continents. Use the clues and the map to answer the questions.

**1. Clue:** Serena Williams practiced playing tennis on public tennis courts in her neighborhood of Compton, California, as a child in this country which is made up of 50 states. **What is the name of the country and on which continent is it located?**

**2. Clue:** Carlos Moya has played in nine Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tournaments around the world and is native to this country where you can find the Pyrenees Mountains. **What is the name of the country and on which continent is it located?**

**3. Clue:** Justine Henin-Hardenne started playing tennis at age 2 in this country where the names of streets are in two languages: French and Dutch. **What is the name of the country and on which continent is it located?**

**4. Clue:** Mark Philippoussis played in the Davis Cup, the U.S. Open, and Wimbledon and calls the largest island on Earth his home. **What is the name of this island?**

**5. Clue:** Amanda Coetzer's homeland was governed by *apartheid* (racial segregation) until the early 1990s when it changed to majority rule. Amanda played her first international tennis tournament at the age of 11 at Disney World. **What is the name of the country and on which continent is it located?**

**6. Clue:** Ai Sugiyama is ranked #12 in the world and was born in Tokyo, this country's capital city. **What is the name of the country and on which continent is it located?**

**7. Clue:** Guillermo Coria is from Argentina, a country located on this southern continent:

**Bonus:** In pairs, research one aspect of a country (e.g., its food, population, weather) to present to your class.

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# Kids' Challenge



A team is only as strong as the sum of its parts, and each player brings something special to the team. Figure out the average serve speed of the players listed at right. Tell us how being active and part of a team helps to make you healthy and happy. Send in this page by 10/29/04 for your chance to WIN!

**To start a ball moving, it needs a force (a push or a pull). A force can also change the direction or speed of the ball.**

### Team Serve Speed

Name	Speed (mph)
Bob Bryan	139.0
Mike Bryan	128.0
Serena Williams	123.1
Jennifer Capriati	113.9
Andy Roddick	153.0

The average is \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us how being active and part of a team helps to make you healthy and happy!**

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### KIDS' CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

Mailing address: Kids' Challenge, Scholastic, P.O. Box 713, New York, NY 10013-0711

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 School or Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICIAL RULES

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** Students who are residents of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia currently enrolled in grades 4 through 6 as of 10/29/04 are eligible to enter. To enter, calculate the average speed of the following tennis serves: 139.0 mph (Bob Bryan), 128.0 mph (Mike Bryan), 123.1 mph (Serena Williams), 113.9 mph (Jennifer Capriati), and 153.0 mph (Andy Roddick). Then write a one-paragraph essay based on the following: *Describe how being active and part of a team helps to make you healthy and happy.* Mail entries to: Kids' Challenge, Scholastic, P.O. Box 713, New York, NY 10013-0711. Each entry must be written legibly in ink, typed, or printed out on a word processor on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. The entry must accompany a completed entry form. All entries must be postmarked by 10/29/04 and received by 11/5/04. Winners will be judged on creativity, clear content, logical thought process, and proper use of language. One (1) Grand Prize winner will receive a two-day/one-night family trip to New York City (for one adult and one child) during the first week of the 2005 US Open. Prize includes hotel, air, and tickets (ARV: \$1,800); a meet-and-greet with Mike and Bob Bryan (#1 ranked doubles team in the world) at the 2005 US Open; quality tennis racket (ARV: \$80); *Scholastic World Book of Records* (ARV: \$9.95); and *Scholastic's Homework Help* six-book set (ARV: \$24.75). One (1) First Prize winner will receive a two-day/one-night family trip to New York City (for one adult and one child) during the first week of the 2005 US Open. Prize includes hotel, air, and tickets (ARV: \$1,800); quality tennis racket (ARV: \$80); *Scholastic World Book of Records* (ARV: \$9.95); and *Scholastic's Homework Help* six-book set (ARV: \$24.75). Five (5) Runners-Up will receive quality tennis racket (ARV: \$80); *Scholastic World Book of Records* (ARV: \$9.95); and *Scholastic's Homework Help* six-book set (ARV: \$24.75). Teacher prizes: Teacher of Grand Prize winner will receive a two-day/one-night trip for two to New York City (for one adult and one child) during the first week of the 2005 US Open. Prize includes hotel, air, and tickets (ARV: \$1,800) and a \$250 Scholastic gift certificate. Teacher of First Prize winner will receive a \$250 Scholastic gift certificate. Teachers of Runner-Up winners will receive a \$150 Scholastic gift certificate. School Prizes: School of Grand Prize winner will receive a complete tennis kit. Prize includes 36 tennis racquets (variable lengths), 2 short-court net systems, 2 dozen Dunlop Speedball (ARV: \$450). School of First Prize winner will receive a complete tennis kit. Prize includes 36 racquets (variable lengths), 2 short-court net systems, 2 dozen Dunlop Speedball (ARV: \$450). Winners will be notified on or about 12/20/04. For complete rules, please send a SASE to Rules: Kids' Challenge, Eg/Space 524, Scholastic/SMP, 557 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10012 or visit [www.scholastic.com/tennis](http://www.scholastic.com/tennis). Void where prohibited.

**Enter for a Chance To WIN:**

- A family trip to New York City for the 2005 US Open
- A visit from Mike and Bob Bryan
- And a tennis kit for your school!

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