

## DANNY ON ICE HOCKEY

Ice hockey is a very \_\_\_\_\_ fast moving game. There are six \_\_\_\_\_ on a side, which means there are three forwards, two defence men and a \_\_\_\_\_. I think it's similar to soccer, but more intense and \_\_\_\_\_, because it's played on ice which is a fast-moving surface.

The game lasts \_\_\_\_\_ minutes, and there are three periods of twenty minutes each.



Some people don't like hockey criticize it for being too \_\_\_\_\_ because you're allowed to hit the other players under certain \_\_\_\_\_. Not random violence, but the person, the player carrying the puck he can, what's called 'check him', and that's kind of like hitting him, but there's only certain ways you can hit him. And there's a tendency for \_\_\_\_\_, but it's only some...some teams are more violent than others and it's just part of the \_\_\_\_\_. If a player 'checks' another player illegally he gets a \_\_\_\_\_, and that means he's taken off the ice for two minutes, or maybe even five minutes, and the other team will have a man \_\_\_\_\_, and that would be called a 'power play'. And obviously if you're in a power play, you're have a good chance of scoring a goal. So that minimises the violence.



Hockey is most \_\_\_\_\_ in North America, in Canada but also very popular in the northern part of the U.S.A. ...erm...the boarder states. But it's also very popular in certain other countries in Europe. It's very popular in Sweden, Finland, Russia, the Czech Republic, Belarus ... Many of these countries are equal to Canada, United States in popularity.

EXICINTING - GOALIE - SIXTY - CONDITIONS - FIGHTING - GAME - PLAYERS  
- FASTER - PENALTY - POPULAR - VIOLENT - ADVANTAGE

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why does Danny think that ice hockey is faster and more intense than soccer?
2. Why do some people criticize ice hockey?
3. What is a 'power play' and how does it help to minimise the violence?
4. List the parts of North America and the other countries in which ice hockey is a popular sport.

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