



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PRO SPORTS LEAGUES: MLB

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 3.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in MLB history? Why?
3. Which MLB team fielded a roster nicknamed the “Mustache Gang” in the 1970s?
 - A. Brooklyn Dodgers
 - B. Seattle Mariners
 - C. Oakland Athletics
4. What did NL pitchers have to do until the 2020s?
 - A. throw underhand
 - B. go to bat
 - C. pitch complete games



5. What does **all-around** mean in the *MLB* book?

*Willie Mays wowed Giants fans with his **all-around** play. He shined on both offense and defense.*

- A. skilled in many ways
- B. mostly defensive
- C. not exciting

6. What does **interleague** mean in the *MLB* book?

*In 1997, AL and NL teams met in the regular season for the first time. At first, teams played only a few **interleague** games each year.*

- A. between the AL and NL
- B. World Series
- C. practice



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PRO SPORTS LEAGUES: MLS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in MLS history? Why?
3. Which team was the first to have its own stadium?
 - A. Columbus Crew
 - B. LA Galaxy
 - C. New England Revolution
4. Why was it such a big deal when the LA Galaxy signed David Beckham?
 - A. He was unproven in international play.
 - B. He had always been a San Jose Earthquakes fan growing up.
 - C. He became the first global superstar to join MLS.



5. What does **retired** mean in the *MLS* book?

*Rimando won two titles during his career. He **retired** in 2019. By then, he'd set most of the league's major goalkeeping records.*

- A. completed his season
- B. ended his career
- C. escaped a difficult situation

6. What does **neutral site** mean in the *MLS* book?

*The first 16 title games took place at a **neutral site**. Since 2012, the team with the better record has hosted.*

- A. a stadium that is not home to either team
- B. a stadium that is about to be torn down
- C. a stadium without any fans inside



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2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A



5. What does **merged** mean in the *NBA* book?

*Fans loved the exciting play. But the league **merged** with the NBA in 1976. Four ABA teams joined the NBA.*

- A. joined
- B. split in half
- C. started

6. What does **dominant** mean in the *NBA* book?

*The **dominant** center won four MVP Awards. In 1962, he scored 100 points in a game.*

- A. average or normal
- B. banned from a sport
- C. much better than others



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PRO SPORTS LEAGUES: NFL

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in NFL history? Why?
3. Who has the most receiving touchdowns in NFL history?
 - A. Don Hutson
 - B. Jerry Rice
 - C. Randy Moss
4. Why were people surprised when the Jets won the Super Bowl in the 1968 season?
 - A. No AFL team had ever won a Super Bowl.
 - B. Joe Namath didn't think the Jets could win.
 - C. The Baltimore Colts were undefeated.



5. What does **retired** mean in the *NFL* book?

*White **retired** in 2000 with 198 sacks. Smith passed him in 2003. Smith ended his career with 200 sacks.*

- A. tackled the quarterback
- B. set a new record
- C. ended one's career

6. What does **expanded** mean in the *NFL* book?

*The NFL **expanded** during the 1990s. The league added three teams that decade.*

- A. got bigger
- B. became smaller
- C. stayed the same



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2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PRO SPORTS LEAGUES: NHL

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 5.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in NHL history? Why?
3. When did Alexander Ovechkin break Wayne Gretzky's all-time goal record?
 - A. 2005
 - B. 2019
 - C. 2025
4. Why did Nicklas Lidström win seven Norris Trophies?
 - A. He didn't make many mistakes.
 - B. He hit opponents often.
 - C. He scored a lot of goals.



5. What does **folded** mean in the *NHL* book?

*But the league ran out of money. It **folded** in 1979. Four WHA teams joined the NHL after that.*

- A. started
- B. bent in half
- C. ended

6. What does **hype** mean in the *NHL* book?

*Many fans expected Connor McDavid to be a star. The Edmonton Oilers center lived up to the **hype**. McDavid led the league in points in 2016–17.*

- A. excitement
- B. criticism
- C. doubt



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1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. C
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PRO SPORTS LEAGUES: WNBA

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in WNBA history? Why?
3. Who became the WNBA's all-time leading scorer in 2017?
 - A. Sheryl Swoopes
 - B. Candace Parker
 - C. Diana Taurasi
4. Why didn't the Golden State Valkyries have big expectations in 2025?
 - A. Teams often don't play well in their first season.
 - B. Golden State had the worst record in the league the year before.
 - C. Golden State had just lost two of its star players.



5. What does **clinched** mean in the *WNBA* book?

*Two days later, the Aces **clinched** the title. They became champions for the third time in four years.*

- A. tied for
- B. won
- C. lost

6. What does **versatile** mean in the *WNBA* book?

*But Parker and Nneka Ogwumike were **versatile**. The Sparks players could dribble and shoot as well as post up.*

- A. shooting experts
- B. great defenders
- C. good at many things



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2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. C