

**Pre-reading discussion**

1. What is a ritual?
2. What is the difference between a ritual and a habit?
3. Why do people perform some rituals?
4. Can you name some examples of rituals in your family?
5. Finish the sentence: 'Rituals permeate the world of sport, where they are hoped to' .....

**While-reading**

Read 'Ritual in Different Sports' and make notes under the following headings

Religion	Tennis players	Anglers
Hockey players	Rodeo riders	Basketball players

Read 'Examples of Ritual Behaviour in Soccer' and correct the mistakes in the following sentences

- 'Gary Neville used not to change the T-shirts in which he won matches.'
- 'Pepe Reina – always gets dressed in the same order.'
- 'Stuart Pearce kept a lucky cap on the substitutes' bench.'
- 'One of the footballers famous for the greatest known collection of pre-match ritual activities was German goalkeeper Alan Rough, whose list included 10 points, and including, among others: not shaving on the morning of a match, putting on a vest from his junior days, taking an old mascot with him onto the pitch, always using the number 7 peg in the dressing room.'

**Post-reading (group-work)**

Work in groups and invent rituals for 2 of the following people/characters in the pictures



Fred Flintstone



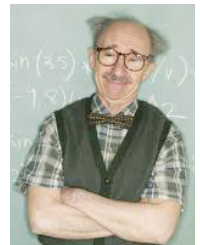
David Beckham



Spiderman



Lady Gaga



Your teacher

**Homework**

Answer the following question:

Should sports rituals be banned? Justify your answer.