SPORTS - ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, NEVER

National Numeracy
Getting on with numbers

Maths is not always right or wrong. Do you agree?

Maths questions at school usually have one correct answer. But in daily life, a question involving numbers can have more than one answer. People can look at the same information and get different answers.

In sports, numbers are everywhere! We use them to compare scores, understand performance, make choices and get information.

Talk with your family
Look at these statements together. Talk about if you think each is always, sometimes or never true.

You might not all agree. This isn't about getting it right, but about talking through your ideas and thinking together.

1. There can be more people on one team than the other in a game.
2. Running twice as far means you burn twice as many calories.
3. If the home team gets 75% of the tickets, then out of every 100 people at the match, 75 will be home team fans.
4. The player who scores the most goals contributes the most to the team.
5. A sports team with the most possession wins the game.
6. Winning 7 out of 10 games is better than winning 3 out of 5 games.

What did you learn?

Are there any statement which had a clear answer? What did you agree or disagree on most? Why?
Can you think of your own statements to discuss together?

Student comments:

Parent/ carer comments: