

Starter

Play word tennis with your partner. Think of synonyms for the words below. Whoever can't think of one, loses the point. First to 5 points wins. Here are the words: happy, sad, good and bad.



Biography

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Ellie Simmonds

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Born: 11th November 1994 in Aldridge, England

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Achievements

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How is it similar/
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What features might it
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Create a poster of the features in your book.

Gentle start: Work with a partner.

Warming up: Work independently.

Going for it: Include examples of the features you have found.

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