

Speak and listen

- a** Look at the pictures and say what the sports are. Then put them into three categories. Write the numbers in the boxes.

1 = have tried 2 = have never tried but would like to try 3 = have never tried and wouldn't like to try



- b** What other sports can you add to each category?

- c** Work in pairs. Discuss your categories and give reasons for your choices.

- d** You are going to hear about two sportswomen: Fabiola da Silva (inline skater) and Allison Fisher (snooker and pool player). Try to guess who says the sentences.

- 1 'Being a girl just didn't seem to matter.'
- 2 'Back in those days, there weren't so many girls skating, and the skaters I really admired were men.'
- 3 'There was talk about me competing against the men and that created a lot of attention.'
- 4 'I didn't know the game of pool, but I thought: how hard can it be?'
- 5 'I keep pushing the limits, you know.'
- 6 'I have my bad days, too.'

- e** ▶ **CD1 T07** Listen and check your answers.

- f** ▶ **CD1 T07** Listen to the first part (about Allison Fisher) again and answer the questions.

- 1 How old was she when she started playing snooker? And when she became the number one player?
- 2 Why did she move to the USA?
- 3 How successful was she as a pool player in the USA?



- 9** ▶ **CD1 T07** Listen to the second part (about Fabiola da Silva) again and answer the questions.

- 1 How old was she when she started skating? And when she turned professional?
- 2 Why did she become famous?
- 3 Why does she think she does well in competitions?



Discussion box

- 1 Do you know of any women who made it or tried to make it in a male sport?
- 2 Do you think women and men should be allowed to compete in the same sports? Give your reasons.