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Our Favourite Rivals

An activity of "Tennis' newest rivalry gets fans excited".

Read "Tennis' newest rivalry gets fans excited" (page 27, *What's Up* July 2025). Complete this exercise to explore the concept of rivalry in other arenas as well. Work in pairs.

1a) From the article, list three differences between Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner.

Carlos Alcaraz	Jannik Sinner
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1b) Why do you think they make such exciting tennis rivals?

2) Think of two of your favourite rivals from books or movies. Examples of well-known rivals are Harry Potter vs Draco Malfoy, Batman vs Joker, and Elsa vs Hans (from *Frozen*).

My Favourite Rivals	Why I like this pairing
_____ vs _____	
_____ vs _____	

3a) Create two original characters who will become rivals in a short scene. Tips:

- Consider their background, appearance, personality, strengths, and weaknesses.
- Your characters may or may not be superheroes.
- They could be athletes, competitors in a contest, politicians, frenemies, etc.

	1 st Character: _____	2 nd Character: _____
Background <i>(Where are they from? What is their story so far?)</i>		
Appearance <i>(What do they look like?)</i>		
Personality <i>(What is each one like?)</i>		
Strengths <i>(Each one's skills, powers, talents, etc.)</i>		
Weaknesses <i>(Each one's fears, shortfalls, etc.)</i>		
Motivations <i>(What drives them?)</i>		
What are they fighting about? <i>(Is it a competition, a quarrel?)</i>		
Anything in common? <i>(e.g. both want to win, both feel misunderstood, etc.)</i>		

3b) Prepare a two-minute rivalry scene between the two characters. Have a happy ending.

<i>Where:</i>	<i>When:</i>
<i>What happens:</i>	

3c) Act out your scene for the class!