



## Wimbledon

### Listening Questions 1

1. How much will the Wimbledon winners receive in prize money in 2017?
2. Who won the men's title in 2016?
3. How many titles have the Williams sisters won in total?
4. Who does Roger Federer share a record with, and how many Wimbledon championships have they each won?
5. How many Wimbledon titles did Martina Navratilova win in a row?

### Listening Questions 2

1. How many of Steffi Graf's 22 Grand Slam titles came at Wimbledon?
2. What did Serena Williams accomplish by winning the 2017 Australian Open?
3. What did Rafael Nadal win last month and how many Grand Slam titles has he won as of 2017?
4. Who has won the most Grand Slam titles for men and how many have they won as of 2017?
5. What is Hawk-Eye and which of the four Grand Slams first used it?

## Transcript 1

The 2017 edition of Wimbledon starts on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Wimbledon is one of tennis' four Grand Slams and the only one that's played on grass. The other three are the Australian, French and U.S. Opens. Wimbledon's very first tournament was held in 1877. Both the men's and women's winners will receive £2.2 million in prize money.

In 2016, Andy Murray won the men's title while Serena Williams won the women's. For Murray, this was his second championship and for Serena it was her seventh. The victory put her two ahead of her older sister, Venus.

In what is known as the Open era, Switzerland's Roger Federer shares the record for most Wimbledon championships with America's Pete Sampras at 7. Federer won 5 titles in a row between 2003 and 2007. Sampras won his last Wimbledon title in 2000. As for the women, Martina Navratilova is alone at the top of the list with a total of 9 titles, six of which she won in a row starting in 1982.

One of the things Wimbledon is famous for is their rule regarding clothing. There are some exceptions, but basically a player's clothing and accessories must be white.



## Transcript 2

Another former Wimbledon champion is Steffi Graf. Graf, who was born in what was then West Germany, won the tournament a total of 7 times, her first victory coming in 1988 and her last one in 1996. Over the course of her great career she won 22 Grand Slam singles titles. In January 2017, Serena Williams moved one Grand Slam singles title ahead of Graf to become the second most successful player all-time, when she won the Australian Open.

In June 2017, Rafael Nadal won his 10<sup>th</sup> French Open in Paris. Nadal has won all four Grand Slam tournaments including two at Wimbledon (2008 and 2010). His most recent championship was his 15<sup>th</sup> Grand Slam singles title which puts him second overall, 1 ahead of Sampras and 3 behind Federer.

And finally, technology has revolutionized many sports, including tennis. One very interesting example is the technology that is used to determine whether a ball landed in or out when a player challenges a call. Wimbledon uses the system called Hawk-Eye that was developed by Hawk-Eye Innovations. In 2006, the U.S. Open was the first Grand Slam tournament to use Hawk-Eye.