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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article.
Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about the annual USA Pickleball National Championships which will be held in San Diego, California from November 15 - 23. The Championships is in a different city each year. Professional and amateur athletes will compete to win. Individuals and teams of two (or doubles) can enter. Athletes are men, women, children, seniors, and those who use wheelchairs. Pickleball is a sport like tennis, but the court is smaller than a tennis court, it has a net, and it has areas on the court to show where the ball should land. Players use a paddle to hit a plastic ball. The player/s who get 11 points wins the game. Winners receive prizes like money, trophies or medals. The USA Pickleball is the group that hosts the championship and makes the rules.

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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict!
(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
game pickleball sport young/ old win/ lose	How do you play pickleball? How many people are on each team? and how many points do you need to win? Who can play pickleball in the tournament?	I like that Score! Good answer excellent point to you	Tell me more What else? Let's see if you're right... I think...

USA Pickleball National Championships

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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn about the USA Pickleball National Championship? Why do you think that so many people enjoy playing and/or watching pickleball? What do you think makes a good pickleball player? How do you think players prepare for the tournament? What kind of trophy or prize would you give to the winners of the championship? Why is it important to have a championship tournament? Would you ever go to see this championship? What would you like to see the most?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about the USA Pickleball National Championships.	How do you play pickleball?	Why do you think this championship is played in San Diego, California?
- In San Diego, California - It is final game to see who is best - different kinds of people can play - have to follow rules - get points to win	1 or 2 people on each side - hit the ball over the net with a paddle - keep the ball inside the line/s - winner has 11 points	- it is warmer this time of year in November - there are enough courts to play on - many people come and need a place to stay/sleep