

Murderball

Zoom in

Part 1

1. Explain what happened to Keith, and what the consequences are.

Keith is a young man who had a motocross accident 4 months ago. He is probably quadriplegic and is now in a rehabilitation centre for handicapped people.

2. **Keith's mother.**

a. List the four "wheels" she mentions

tricycle + bicycles + dirt bikes + quads

b. Say how she sounds and explain why. Indifferent. **Sad.** Angry. Disappointed.

3. **Keith's physical disabilities.** Fill in the blanks with words that Keith uses.

He says he is **broken down**, just like an **infant**. He feels **frustrated** because he isn't able to lift his **arm** or shake **hands** with somebody to **present** himself.

4. **Keith's shoes.** What impact does this scene have on you? Explain why.

5. Imagine Keith's former life and compare it with his current life. Use the prompts.

→ *Keith used to ..., but now he has to ...*

→ *Keith was able to However, he can't even ... now.*

Part 2

6. Find three names for the sport that is being played.

Murderball + quadriplegic rugby + wheelchair rugby

7. What do the crew members do with the wheelchairs?

→ They "make them into a **gladiator**, a **battling** machine, a **Mad Max**".

8. **Mark's explanations.**

a. Most wheelchair rugby players have broken their **necks**.

b. What do they have inside? (French: *tiges, plaques, vis*)

rods roads / plaques **plates** / **screws** crews

c. What do many people think about quadriplegics?

They think they can't move their arms.

d. Are those people right? Yes. **No.**

→ It is a "mis**conception**"; "I have impairment in all four limbs."

(impairment: **handicap** *prothèse* • limbs: **membres** *muscles*)

e. Tick the right box.

"The higher you break your neck, the less mobility you have." **True.** False.

"The higher you break your neck, the more mobility you have." True. **False.**

f. The point system.

- For a player: From **0.5** to **3.5** points.
- For a team on the court: No more than **8** points.

9. Fill in the table.

<i>Players</i>	Accident	Points	Physical functions
Andy	Age 16: had a car accident. The car flipped and hit a tree, and the roof came down on his head.	2	Hands: <input type="checkbox"/> Do not open. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not close. Arms: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full function. <input type="checkbox"/> Partial function. <input type="checkbox"/> No function at all.
Hogsett	He had a fight with somebody who punched him. It snapped his spinal cord.	1	Muscles: <input type="checkbox"/> Few left. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A few left. <input type="checkbox"/> Many left. Arms: <input type="checkbox"/> Full function. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial function. <input type="checkbox"/> No function at all. Fingers: <input type="checkbox"/> Full function. <input type="checkbox"/> A little function. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very little function.
Mark Zupan	Age 18 : was in a car and was thrown into a canal and stayed there for 13 ½ hours until somebody found him.	3	Hands: <input type="checkbox"/> Do not open. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not close. No muscle in left shoulder.

10. **Mark Zupan.** Fill in the blanks with words his father and Marty use.

His father says Mark has always been a **tough kid**, and Marty points out that Mark's **tattoos** and goatee (*barbiche* *regard*) make him look very **intimidating**, so players try to **stay away from** him.

11. Describe the final scene. You may use verbs from the list.

tease (*taquiner*) • mess about (*faire l'idiot*) • knock over (*renverser*) • frighten

We can see the players interact with each other. They tease each other and mess about with each other, and when one of them is knocked over, the hotel personnel want to call security because they're frightened.

Look back

12. What impact does this video have on you? Use 3 adjectives to describe it and explain your answer.

sad • **motivating** • **crazy** • **dynamic** • **inspirational** • **funny** • **heartbreaking** • **surprising** • **powerful** • **touching** • **tough** • **exciting** • **interesting** • **emotional** • **original** • **refreshing** • **frightening** • **uplifting**