Translate the following sentences using the correct form of the expression avoir besoin de.

**Conjugations of avoir:**

**J’ai**

**Tu as**

**Il a**

**Elle a**

**Nous avons**

**Vous avez**

**Ils ont**

**Elles ont**

We do not leave it as besoin de + object (the thing you need). The “de” changes depending on what that object is.

* J’ai besoin **d’un** bâton because « bâton » is masculine
* J’ai besoin **d’une** planche because « planche » is feminine
* J’ai besoin **des** bottes because « bottes » is plural (it does not matter if it is masculine or feminine in this case because it is plural)

Recap:

D’un means the object (thing you need) is masculine

D’une means the object (thing you need) is feminine

Des means the object (thing you need) is plural

**Do not forget that jouer (team sports) uses the preposition “au” and faire (individual sports) uses the preposition “du/de la”**

Follow this pattern to help you....

**To play** basketball, she needs a basketball net.

**Pour jouer** au basketball elle a besoin d’un panier.

**To go** skiing we need ski poles

**Pour faire** du ski alpin nous avons besoin des bâtons de ski.

To play baseball, you (sing.) need a baseball bat.

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To go swimming (faire), they (girls and guys) need swimsuits.

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To go horseback riding, I need a saddle.

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To play hockey, you (plural) need skates.

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To go golfing, he needs a golf ball.

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To play badminton, we need a net.

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To go waterskiing, they (only girls) need a motorboat.

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To go snowboarding, you (sing) need a snowboard.

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To play volleyball, she needs kneepads.

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To go skiing, we need ski boots.

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