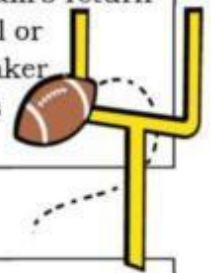


Reading Comprehension

Homecoming

Homecoming is an annual tradition in the United States. People, towns, high schools and colleges come together, usually in late September or early October, to welcome back alumni and former residents. It is built around a central event such as a banquet and, most often, a game of football, or, on occasion, basketball, ice hockey or soccer. When celebrated by schools, the activities vary widely. However, they usually consist of a football game played on the school's home football field, activities for students and alumni, a parade featuring the school's marching band and sports teams, and the coronation of a Homecoming Queen (and at many schools a Homecoming King). A dance commonly follows the game or the day following the game. When attached to a football game, Homecoming traditionally occurs on the team's return from the longest road trip of the season. The game itself, whether it be football or another sport, will typically feature the home team playing a considerably weaker opponent. The game is supposed to be an "easy win" and thus weaker schools will sometimes play lower division schools.



Put a * in the right box:

1. Homecoming is

- a) when you are back from a holiday
- b) a welcome back to a new school year
- c) when you get back from school

2. In the text *coronation* (line 9) means:

- a) election of
- b) celebration of
- c) destruction of

3. What does *road trip* mean?

- a) a long trip taken by a sports team
- b) a long trip in a train
- c) a long trip on a bike

4. Homecoming usually takes place in

- a) spring
- b) summer
- c) autumn

5. The word *banquet* means:

- a) brunch for sports teams
- b) lunch for family and friends
- c) formal dinner for many people

6. The homecoming team usually plays a

- a) a stronger team
- b) a team equally strong
- c) a weaker team

7. *To feature* means:

- a) to punish
- b) to exclude
- c) to include

8. What does *alumni* mean?

- a) people who used to study
- b) former students at a particular school
- c) a silver metal used for many products