READING CLOZE TEST B2.2

Use the words in the list at the top to fill in the blanks, with ONLY ONE in each. You don't need all of them

ages	as	at	beat	because	during	for
hard	how	just	know	longer	lost	me
meet	more	myself	right	seen	sounds	that
that's	training	well-known	what	why	will	won't

A damp cold day in February, after a game, the players from the Stowmarket team look exhausted and very very unhappy. Well, you can understand it. They have just (1) ..... their game 19-1.

Welcome to the world of women's football! The team that (2) ..... Stowmarket is Fulham LFC, the only fully professional women's side in Britain.
Fulham LFC has players of all (3) ....., from 17 -year-old Chantelle White to Permi Jhooti, a 30-year-old who is just finishing her doctorate in computer science. 'If I'm lucky,' she says, 'I'll be able to play (4) ..... another five years. I do have another occupation, though, and (5) ..... what I'll be doing for the rest of my life. But (6) ..... now I can do what I really love - football- just for a bit (7) ..... I'm really lucky.'

All the players in the team talk about (8) ..... difficult it was to find female role models in the sport. 'When we were younger it was really (9) ..... because there were no women footballers to admire,' says 21-year-old Rachel Yankey. 'It was definitely (10) ..... as a boy's game, and the only (11) ..... players were men. We're trying to change that, to help young girls who want to play football to see that it's not (12) ..... a man's game.'

That's (13) ....., on a cold rainy Monday afternoon, I find (14) ..... at a state school in West London. Rachel is (15) ..... a group of youngsters. They are typical teenagers: the two who are using their mobile phones to send text messages probably (16) ..... play for England when they are older, but some of them are really enthusiastic.

'It's really good for girls to be trained by Rachel,' says Clinton Joseph a youth sport coordinator. 'She's a London girl and the kids here see her (17) ..... a big sister. They know she plays for England, and that (18) ..... really good to some of them.'

What do men think of women playing football? ' When you (19) ..... guys and tell them you're a professional footballer they don't believe you,' Chantelle White, 17, explains, 'but when they watch us play they're all really surprised (20) ..... how good we are.'

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