

Articles

Write A, An, or The in the blanks



Association football, more commonly known as simply football or soccer, is ____ team sport played with ____ spherical ball between two teams of 11 players. It is played by approximately 250 million players in over 200 countries and dependencies, making it ____ world's most popular sport. ____ game is played on ____ rectangular field called ____ pitch with ____ goal at each end. ____ objective of ____ game is to score more goals than ____ opposition by moving ____ ball beyond ____ goal line into ____ opposing goal, usually within ____ time frame of 90 or more minutes.

Football is played in accordance with ____ set of rules known as ____ "Laws of the Game". ____ ball is 68–70 cm (27–28 in) in circumference and known as ____ football. ____ two teams compete to get ____ ball into ____ other team's goal, thereby scoring ____ goal. Players are not allowed to touch ____ ball with their hands or arms while it is in play, except for ____ goalkeepers within ____ penalty area. Players may use any other part of their body to strike or pass ____ ball and mainly use their feet. ____ team that has scored more goals at ____ end of ____ game is ____ winner; if both teams have scored ____ equal number of goals, either ____ draw is declared or ____ game goes into extra time or ____ penalty shootout, depending on ____ format of the competition. Each team is led by ____ captain who represents their team in ____ coin toss before kick-off or penalty kicks.

