

# Football

You will read a passage about the beginnings of soccer and how this game arrived in Brazil.

## Anecdotes about Football

In the nineteenth century, there used to be boarding schools which had to keep the boys occupied all day, so sports were a good way of doing this. Each school used to have their own rules, but slowly fixed rules became established and in 1863 some of those schoolboys met in London to write the rules for the game. Eighteen years later they formed the Football Association.

Hundreds of years ago, English people used to play with very different rules from now.

Charles was a boy from Brazil who used to practice sports. His father sent him to study in England and when he entered to university, he took part enthusiastically in soccer, which he didn't use to practice in Brazil. In 1894 he crossed the Atlantic to Brazil again to visit his family and took half a dozen of footballs with him.



People in Brazil liked sports but didn't use to play with this type of balls. Charles tried to interest people in soccer, but he wasn't very successful at the beginning; however there were a few Brits who participated in the game. The first games in Brazil were in a field where some goats used to enter and had to be removed before the game started. Charles asked some journalist to go and see the game, but they did not used to report this sport so they didn't accept Charles invitation.

After some weeks the game of twenty-two young English running after a ball began to interest some neighbors who used to watch them practice during the week.

The only footballs that used to be in Brazil since 1894 were the once Miller had brought from England, so when the first Brazilian amateurs played, they had to make they own balls, using whatever material they could find.

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Choose the correct answer according to the text.

1. In the 19th century ...

a) formed an sports associations authorities.

b) every schools used to have different rules for sports.

c) boys didn't use to practice sports in schools.

2. In 1863...

a) a group of players wrote sports rules.

b) Charles used to go every month to Brazil

c) Football became very popular

3. Charles Miller...

a) took several footballs to Brazil.

b) used to play football when he was a little boy.

c) was very successful with soccer when he arrived in Brazil.

4. Miller and his team...

a) used to play in professional fields in Brazil.

b) attracted neighbors who watched them play.

c) were very successful when they invited journalist to see the game.

5. When the first amateurs played in Brazil, they used to...

a) make their rules

b) play in a club

c) make their balls

## PART 2

### LISTENING TIME

Now listen and decide which person is described in the audio: option **A** or option **B**.

A

B

A. I used to sleep one hour after lunch. I used to wear an awful uniform at school. There used to be a Medical center near my school. My brothers and I didn't use to watch television. I used to play the guitar every afternoon. My grandparents used to live with us. My father used to work in a bank. My mother used to be a school teacher.

B. I used to sleep one hour after lunch. I used to wear an awful uniform at school. There used to be a cafeteria at school. My brothers and I didn't use to watch television. I used to play the piano every afternoon. My grandparents used to live with us. My father used to work very early in the farm. My mother used to stay at home



## What did other people use to do when they were children?

Now we are going to listen to Steve, Elena, Esteban and Monica. They are talking about the activities they used to do when they were children.

Listen to them carefully and match each person to the activity they used to do.

1. Used to play soccer at elementary school.

2. Used to have a pet.

3. Used to swim and run in the park alone.

4. Used to dance ballet.