

## SPORT

**Task 1. SOCCER.** Complete the following sentences with the words or phrases from the list below.

captain      football ground (or pitch)      goal      referee  
coach      footballer      kick-off      score      draw  
fouls      league      soccer      fair      free (or penalty) kick  
opponents

1. What Europeans call "football", Americans call . . . . .
2. The instructor of the team is the . . . . .
3. When you play in a football team you are a . . . . .
4. The games take place on a . . . . .
5. The leader of the team is the . . . . .
6. The man in the . . . . . is the goal-keeper.
7. The beginning of the match is the . . . . .
8. During the match each team tries to . . . . . as many goals as possible.
9. When the teams have scored the same number of goals we say it's a . . . . .
10. The players of the other team are the . . . . .
11. The man who enforces the rules during the game is the . . . . .
12. Playing correctly is called . . . . . play.
13. Unfair moves are called . . . . .
14. When a player breaks the rules the other team may get a . . . . .
15. A federation of football clubs is called a football . . . . .

**Task 1. FOOTBALL.** Choose the right answer.

1. This year our team are the . . . . . favourites to win the cup.  
a) firm      b) full      c) grand      d) hard

2. The team's coach insisted on a programme of . . . . , training before the big match.

- a) harsh      b) rigorous      c) severe      d) searching

3. The team has practised hard so that it could . . . . . the trophy.

- a) regain      b) replace      c) restore      d) return

4. The team's recent wins have . . . . . them for the semi-finals.

- a) fitted      b) matched      c) promoted      d) qualified

5. John is always . . . . . about how well he plays football.

- a) boasting      b) flaunting      c) parading      d) puffing

6. His poor standard of play fully justifies his . . . . . from the team for the next match.

- a) ban      b) exception      c) exclusion      d) rejection

7. The footballer was . . . . . the field for kicking the referee.

- a) brought off      b) put off      c) sent off      d) taken off

8. The footballer scored four . . . . . , so his team won the match.

- a) aims      b) games      c) goals      d) scores

9. The fan shouted at the . . . . . of his voice.

- a) head      b) height      c) limit      d) top

10. The . . . . . at the football match became violent when their team lost.

- a) customers      b) groups      c) observers      d) spectators

11. Our village team were hopelessly . . . . . by the professional visitors.

- a) outclassed      b) outgrown      c) outnumbered      d) outraced

12. He was nervous at the beginning of the game but later he came into his . . . .

- a) best      b) nature      c) own      d) style



13. The . . . . . said it was a foul and gave us a free kick.

- a) controller      b) director      c) referee      d) umpire

14. In his first game for our team he . . . . . a goal after two minutes.

- a) earned      b) gained      c) scored      d) won

15. Manchester United are playing . . . . . Birmingham this Sunday.

- a) against      b) facing      c) opposite      d) with

16. Even though the match wasn't very exciting, the . . . . . managed to make it sound interesting.

- a) announcer      b) commentator      c) narrator      d) presenter

17. The football match resulted in a . . . . .

- a) draw      b) equalizer      c) loss      d) zero

18. The football team won partly because they had been trained by such a good . . . . .

- a) coach      b) director      c) instructor      d) teacher

19. After their long period of training, the footballers were in good . . . . .

- a) cut      b) figure      c) shape      d) style

20. The referee . . . . . the goal because of a previous infringement.

- a) annulled      b) demolished      c) disallowed      d) disqualified

21. Having lost the match, the team travelled home in . . . . . spirits.

- a) cold      b) dark      c) empty      d) low

22. As they watched the match, the crowd . . . . . in unison.

- a) bellowed      b) chanted      c) crowed      d) intoned

23. We still don't know who is going to win, because at half-time the score is one . . . . .

- a) all      b) each      c) equal      d) together

24. I advise you not to . . . . the referee's decision.

- a) condemn                      b) condone                      c) conduct                      d) contest

25. As the minutes ticked by and we held on to our narrow lead our hopes of victory . . . . steadily.

- a) arose                      b) arouse                      c) raised                      d) rose

**Task 3. SPORTS. Choose the correct answer.**

1. I met Pete . . . . his bicycle along the pavement.

- a) pulling                      b) rolling                      c) turning                      d) wheeling

2. He was . . . . . from the competition because he had not complied with the rules.

- a) banished                      b) disqualified                      c) forbidden                      d) outlawed

3. Some of the best golf . . . . are to be found in England.

- a) courses                      b) courts                      c) pitches                      d) tracks

4. Sport is a good . . . . for aggression.

- a) let off                      b) offshoot                      c) outlet                      d) way out

5. When she was told she had won the first prize in the competition, she had to . . . . herself to make sure she wasn't dreaming.

- a) grasp                      b) pinch                      c) scratch                      d) seize

6. This is the running . . . . where the first 4 minute mile was run.

- a) circle                      b) course                      c) ring                      d) track

7. Have you been able to book us a tennis . . . . for tomorrow?

- a) court                      b) field                      c) ground                      d) pitch

8. The boxer . . . . and almost fell when his opponent hit him.

- a) scrambled                      b) shattered                      c) staggered                      d) stammered



9. He has always been . . . . supporter of his local rugby team.

- a) a forcible      b) an unbeaten      c) a staunch      d) a sure

10. They stood glowering at each other, their fists . . . . ready for action.

- a) clasped      b) clenched      c) grasped      d) joined

11. It seems that the world record for this event is almost impossible to . . . .

- a) balance      b) beat      c) compare      d) meet

12. The boxer . . . . his opponent as hard as he could.

- a) knocked      b) punched      c) slapped      d) touched

13. Our team faced fierce . . . . in the relay races.

- a) attack      b) competition      c) contest      d) opponents

14. She is a good runner but she's not much good at . . . .

- a) barriers      b) fences      c) hurdles      d) jumps

15. He ran four . . . . of the course in half an hour.

- a) hurdles      b) laps      c) sprints      d) vaults

16. Most . . . . tennis stars learn the game at an early age.

- a) hopeful      b) prospective      c) will-be      d) willing

17. Mary tells me she is . . . . my horse in the Derby.

- a) backing      b) betting      c) gambling      d) staking

18. I always feel . . . . before the start of a race.

- a) jerky      b) jittery      c) timid      d) unsteady

19. All the athletes were wearing . . . . suits when they came into the stadium.

- a) jogging      b) running      c) sports      d) track

20. The new sports centre . . . . . for all kinds of leisure activities.

- a) caters                      b) deals                      c) furnishes                      d) supplies

21. I'm afraid we shall have to call . . . . . the match on account of the bad weather.

- a) back                      b) in                      c) off                      d) on

22. I tried to . . . . . my disappointment at losing by cheering the winner loudly.

- a) hide                      b) mask                      c) shield                      d) veil

23. The fastest runner took the . . . . . just five metres before the finishing line.

- a) advance                      b) head                      c) lead                      d) place

24. There is a lot of friendly . . . . . between the supporters of the two teams.

- a) contention                      b) contest                      c) defiance                      d) rivalry

25. He's . . . . . to win. No one else in the race stands a chance.

- a) bound                      b) liable                      c) probable                      d) unavoidable