

6 Ready, Steady, Go!

Vocabulary

A Circle the correct words.

- 1 A baseball bat / racket / stick is made from wood and very heavy.
- 2 You need a yacht to go canoeing / sailing / windsurfing.
- 3 Cyclists should always wear a cap / glove / helmet to protect their head.
- 4 I got bored watching the athletes running round the pitch / pool / track.
- 5 Volleyball is one of the most popular individual / professional / team sports at the Olympics.
- 6 Inter Milan won the Champions League title after playing in the final / game / match in 2010.
- 7 The football fans went crazy when the judge / linesman / referee showed a player the red card.
- 8 The world championship / competition / tournament will be held in Spain next year.

B Match the first parts of the sentences 1-6 with the second parts a-f.

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| 1 Joe competed | <input type="checkbox"/> | a Sally, but she's too good at tennis. |
| 2 If you want to succeed | <input type="checkbox"/> | b this match, we'll be the champions! |
| 3 I wish I could beat | <input type="checkbox"/> | c record on the track yesterday. |
| 4 On your marks, | <input type="checkbox"/> | d in rowing, you need strong arms. |
| 5 If we win | <input type="checkbox"/> | e get set, go! |
| 6 John broke his own | <input type="checkbox"/> | f against the world champion and lost. |

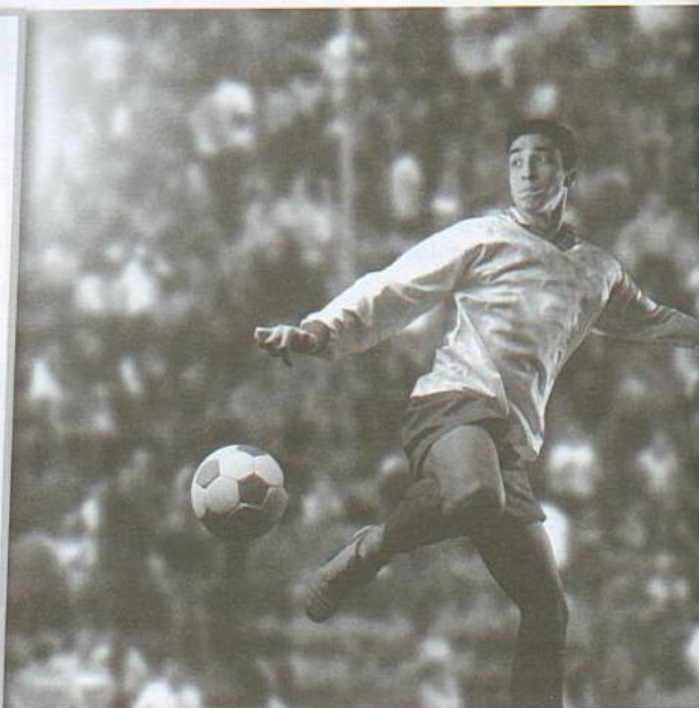
C Complete the text with the correct form of these words.

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The beautiful game

When it comes to sport, there's no bigger event than the football World Cup. Billions of people around the world (1) _____ on their teams as they fight it out for the trophy. The players dream of victory as they (2) _____ up before each match, while the fans in the stadiums wait excitedly for the match to (3) _____ off. And when the referee blows his whistle, the battle begins!

In its long history, there have been many memorable moments. Who could forget the 1986 cup, when Diego Maradona of Argentina broke through the England defence to score a goal that (4) _____ down as one of the most controversial of all time? This was because it looked as if he touched the ball with his hand, which is not allowed, just before he scored. Or, what about one of the best finals ever between Brazil and Italy in 1970? If the fans had had vuvuzelas back then, they would have (5) _____ them out!



D Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words.

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| 1 Who was first to come across the _____ line? | FINISH |
| 2 What is the _____ of the water in this swimming pool? | DEEP |
| 3 Bungee jumping can be very dangerous if it's not done _____. | PROPER |
| 4 I can't play basketball very well yet. I'm just a _____. | BEGIN |
| 5 The game of chess requires a lot of _____. | CONCENTRATE |
| 6 Gavin plays golf for money. He's a _____ sportsman. | PROFESSION |