



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING FOREVER GREEN

FOOTBALL, CONSERVATION AND THE FIGHT TO PROTECT MARINE LIFE

LISTEN WHILE YOU READ



Imagine walking along the beautiful beaches of Andalusia, Spain. The golden sands, the rhythmic sound of waves, and the occasional sight of a marine turtle making its way to the sea. These majestic creatures have been part of our oceans for millions of years. However, today, they face numerous threats, including habitat loss, pollution, and climate change.

In response to these challenges, various organizations have initiated campaigns to protect marine life and promote environmental sustainability. One notable example is the collaboration between Real Betis Balompié, a prominent football club in Spain, and Gravity Wave, a social and environmental startup. Through their platform, Forever Green, they have launched initiatives to raise awareness about marine conservation. These campaigns involve collecting plastic waste from the Mediterranean Sea and transforming it into valuable products, thereby reducing pollution and protecting marine habitats.

Similarly, in the Riviera Maya, Mexico, conservation efforts have led to over 150,000 green turtle hatchlings successfully reaching the sea. These efforts involve protecting nesting sites and ensuring that hatchlings have a safe path to the ocean.

These initiatives highlight the importance of community involvement and innovative solutions in addressing environmental challenges. By raising awareness and taking action, we can contribute to the preservation of marine life and ensure that future generations can witness the beauty of creatures like the marine turtle.

In addition to the initiatives already mentioned, Real Betis Balompié has developed other noteworthy actions as part of its sustainability platform, Forever Green. One of them is the creation of a special jersey made from invasive sea algae and recycled ocean plastics. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the environmental threat posed by invasive species such as *Rugulopteryx okamurae*, which are displacing native species and disrupting the ecological balance along the Andalusian coast.

Furthermore, the club has installed seats made from recycled fishing nets at the Benito Villamarín stadium. These nets were collected from the sea in collaboration with the social startup Gravity Wave. This action not only helps reduce plastic waste in our oceans but also promotes circular economy practices and sustainability within the world of sports.

These initiatives reflect Real Betis's commitment to environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable practices, using football as a platform to raise awareness and encourage positive action in society.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

A) READ THE TEXT AND SAY IF THESE SENTENCES ARE TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F). CORRECT THE FALSE ONES.

- 1) Marine turtles have existed for thousands of years.
T / F
- 2) Real Betis Balompié partnered with Gravity Wave to promote marine conservation.
T / F
- 3) Conservation efforts in Mexico have helped only a few turtle hatchlings reach the sea.
T / F
- 4) The special jersey created by Real Betis is made only from recycled fishing nets.
T / F

B) CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

- 5) What environmental threats do marine turtles face today?
 - A) Overpopulation and storms
 - B) Deforestation and wildfires
 - C) Habitat loss, pollution, and climate change
 - D) Noise pollution and tourism
- 6) What is 'Forever Green'?
 - A) A sportswear company
 - B) A sustainability platform created by Real Betis
 - C) A beach clean-up organization
 - D) A marine reserve in Spain
- 7) What is the collaboration between Real Betis and Gravity Wave focused on?
 - A) Promoting football events
 - B) Organizing tourism campaigns
 - C) Collecting plastic waste and protecting marine life
 - D) Teaching children to swim
- 8) Where did conservation efforts help 150,000 hatchlings reach the sea?
 - A) Andalusia, Spain
 - B) Riviera Maya, Mexico
 - C) Canary Islands
 - D) Portugal
- 9) What invasive species is mentioned in the text?
 - A) *Jellyfish gigantea*
 - B) *Rugulopteryx okamurae*
 - C) Coral cactus
 - D) *Sargassum mutans*
- 10) What did Real Betis install in their stadium to promote sustainability?
 - A) Solar panels
 - B) Recycled plastic flooring
 - C) Seats made from recycled fishing nets
 - D) Water purification tanks