

Task 3

A Read and Rearrange

Andi is writing about his experience of watching a football match. In pairs, rearrange the paragraphs into a meaningful text. Discuss your results with the class.

1		Anyway, the football match <i>took place</i> about 5 years ago, when two of the best football clubs of my country played against each other in a final match of the national football tournament. The two arch-rival teams had already <i>clashed</i> against each other in the past, and their number of wins was pretty much the same throughout the history of their clash, especially in this tournament. So, essentially, nobody really knew which team was favorite to win the final.
2		The game continued <i>scoreless</i> up until the halftime interval, but as the second half of the game started, the intensity of the game increased. In the meanwhile, I was getting nervous in the stadium because my team wasn't exactly playing up to our expectations. In fact, my team was lucky to survive a few scoring chances from the <i>opponent</i> team. Then, suddenly, the ball was passed to the main "striker" of my favorite team from nowhere, and a goal was scored by my team, leaving the supporters of my team completely ecstatic and crazy with the feeling of a possible victory. And, in the end, we were indeed the victorious team.
3		Anyway, I consider this match to be interesting because we never know which team is going to win. Besides, I consider this match exciting also because it attracts supporters from all over my country. Finally, it is also interesting because no other sporting event makes us as emotional as this one.
4		I like football, whether it is played between two international teams or local teams, as long as the teams give their best on the field. The sporting event that I would like to talk about was a national club football tournament in my country that takes place every year.
5		But when the game actually started, all the supporters of both the teams were screaming and <i>encouraging</i> their respective teams as if they were bound to win. As a supporter, I also wanted my team to win at all costs. Anyway, both teams were playing very "rough and <i>tough</i> " football that led to some unwanted " <i>fouls</i> " and some unfortunate " <i>fistfights</i> ".