

A game with a difference



A It's a nice autumn day in the City of Buenos Aires and Los Murciélagos football team is playing in a match. One player has got the ball, and is kicking it quickly towards the goal. But something unusual is happening. He isn't looking at the other players. Instead, he's listening to their voices. Why is he doing this?

En cambio

Pistas

B Here are some clues. The players aren't playing on the usual big green pitch. This one is small, with a hard surface. The ball is different, too. It's got small, hard balls inside it. The ball makes a noise when it moves, and the players can hear it. Can you guess why this is important for them? Amazingly, these players can't see.

Cancha

Superficie

hace ruido

adivinar

Sorprendentemente

Ciegos

C Blind five-a-side football is an important sport in Argentina. Los Murciélagos, the country's professional team, are the winners of World Championship and Paralympic medals. These players can't use their eyes to play in this match, but they're using their ears and voices. And they are winning!

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READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES

1) Read and Listen to the article. Tick the correct option:

This article tells us:

- a) About football for teenagers.
- b) Why life is difficult for blind people.
- c) About a group of blind sportsmen.

2) Match the headings 1-4 to the paragraphs A-C in the article.
There is one extra heading. (El que no corresponde lo dejan en blanco)

- 1) A football match in the city of Buenos Aires. _____
- 2) An amazing team. _____

- 3) A game with a difference. _____
- 4) Plans for the Paralympics. _____

3) Are the sentences T (True) or F (False). Tick the correct option.

- 1) Los Murcielagos are practicing today. True / False
- 2) The players can't kick the ball. True / False
- 3) The players can't see the other players. True / False
- 4) The players are using a special ball. True / False
- 5) Blind football is a Paralympic sport. True / False
- 6) The team hasn't got any medals. True / False

5) Complete the sentences with information from the article.
(write always in lower case/escriban en Minúscula todo)

- 1) Los Murcielagos are playing a _____ in the
_____.
- 2) The players are _____ the other players' voices.
- 3) They are playing on a small _____ with a hard
_____.
- 4) The players can hear the ball because it's got small, _____
_____ inside it.
- 5) In _____ football, there are _____ players
in a team.