

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

THE EARLY DAYS OF FOOTBALL



Football became the game we know today during the period of Queen Victoria in the nineteenth century. So many different (1) _____ of the game were being played in Britain at that time, that in 1863 the Football Association was (2) _____ in order to draw up and agree the (3) _____ of the game.

Throughout the country new football (4) _____ were built and the development of the railways (5) _____ that football teams and their (6) _____ could travel to the matches. In 1888 the Football League was (7) _____ up with twelve clubs, and football became a national sport, (8) _____ to rugby by many people as the more popular game of the (9) _____.

Sometimes people played the game in just a field. In one town, Burnley, in the north of England, the field had a river (10) _____ along the side of it in which players (11) _____ baths after matches. People stood on banks (12) _____ from earth and it was not until the early 1900s that (13) _____ stands were built. The players would have had two wooden (14) _____ for the goals with tapes across the top instead of a cross bar, and nets were not (15) _____ until 1891.

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| 1. A) methods | B) conditions | C) forms | D) ways |
| 2. A) formed | B) made | C) joined | D) offered |
| 3. A) techniques | B) laws | C) rules | D) lines |
| 4. A) grounds | B) places | C) lands | D) courses |
| 5. A) helped | B) intended | C) said | D) meant |
| 6. A) organisers | B) fans | C) partners | D) helpers |
| 7. A) put | B) got | C) set | D) made |
| 8. A) wanted | B) preferred | C) liked | D) favoured |
| 9. A) two | B) both | C) other | D) one |
| 10. A) lying | B) moving | C) running | D) causing |
| 11. A) got | B) took | C) ran | D) picked |
| 12. A) produced | B) made | C) consisted | D) worked |
| 13. A) accurate | B) right | C) proper | D) correct |
| 14. A) pins | B) nails | C) points | D) posts |
| 15. A) invented | B) composed | C) completed | D) presented |

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