

FOOTBALL AND THE WORLD CUP



Football nouns

Match the words to the pictures.

a whistle

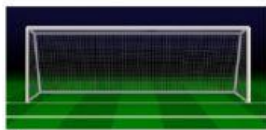
a football stadium

a trophy

a corner flag

a football pitch

the goal



Football and people

Match the people to what they do.

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| 1. the captain | a. is in charge of the game and makes sure the players obey the rules |
| 2. the coach | b. leads the team |
| 3. a defender | c. passes the ball to the strikers so they can score but also defends |
| 4. the goalkeeper | d. scores goals |
| 5. a midfielder | e. stands in the team's goal to stop the ball going in |
| 6. a striker | f. trains and organises the team |
| 7. the referee | g. tries to stop the other team from scoring goals |

Playing the game

Complete the sentences below with the correct words.

a corner

a goal kick

a penalty

a red card

a throw-in

a yellow card

1. If a defender kicks the ball behind the goal, the other team get _____.
2. If a defender touches the ball with their hand in the goal area, the other team get _____.
3. If a player punches another player, they get _____.
4. If a player kicks the ball over the line at the side of the pitch, the other team get _____.
5. If a player fouls several others, they get _____.
6. If an attacker kicks the ball behind the goal, the other team get _____.

Football verbs

Complete the sentences below with the correct verbs.

dribble

head

mark

pass

score

shoot

kick

tackle

1. Oliver didn't kick the ball hard enough so it went straight to another player.
2. We need to _____ another goal in the second half.
3. To get the ball from another player you have to _____ them.
4. To _____ the ball, players often have to jump in the air.
5. The team's striker is very fast and can easily _____ past defenders.
6. Andy, _____ the captain of the team closely to keep him out of the game.
7. It's unlikely you will score if you _____ from the middle of the pitch.
8. Decide who you want to _____ to before you kick the ball.