

Articles

Write A, An, or The in the blanks



Association football, more commonly known as simply football or soccer, is ___ team sport played with ___ spherical ball between two teams of 11 players. It is played by approximately 250 million players in over 200 countries and dependencies, making it ___ world's most popular sport. ___ game is played on ___ rectangular field called ___ pitch with ___ goal at each end. ___ objective of ___ game is to score more goals than ___ opposition by moving ___ ball beyond ___ goal line into ___ opposing goal, usually within ___ time frame of 90 or more minutes.

Football is played in accordance with ___ set of rules known as ___ "Laws of the Game". ___ ball is 68–70 cm (27–28 in) in circumference and known as ___ football. ___ two teams compete to get ___ ball into ___ other team's goal, thereby scoring ___ goal. Players are not allowed to touch ___ ball with their hands or arms while it is in play, except for ___ goalkeepers within ___ penalty area. Players may use any other part of their body to strike or pass ___ ball and mainly use their feet. ___ team that has scored more goals at ___ end of ___ game is ___ winner; if both teams have scored ___ equal number of goals, either ___ draw is declared or ___ game goes into extra time or ___ penalty shootout, depending on ___ format of the competition. Each team is led by ___ captain who represents their team in ___ coin toss before kick-off or penalty kicks.

