A LUCKY WIN AND A NEW SPORT!

I'm not normally a lucky person, but I entered a competition last month to win tickets for a rugby match at Twickenham. Two weeks ago, I was finishing my homework when my phone rang. I was one of the competition winners. No way! I couldn't believe it! A few days later, I was sitting on a coach with my dad. We were on our way to London.

When we arrived, I was amazed. I knew Twickenham was the largest rugby stadium in the world, but it is huge – there's enough room for 82,000 supporters. At the entrance we met Martin – our guide for the day. He showed us around the stadium and the museum. We learnt that the stadium is over 100 years old. Before there was a stadium there, people grew cabbages on the land, so it's also known as 'The Cabbage Patch'.

Next, Martin took us to our seats and the view was amazing. While we were waiting for the match to start, a band started playing and a group of dancers appeared. At 2.30, the referee started the match. There are several different ways of getting points in rugby, so it's always exciting to watch. After 40 minutes, it was half-time. The Australians were playing really well and they were winning 13–6. The England coach didn't look pleased. His team was losing by 7 points.

England began the second half well. Then Dad grabbed my arm and pointed at one of the England players. He was running with the ball and the Australians were trying to stop him. He scored and the crowd went crazy! At full-time, the score was England 20, Australia 13. I was really happy!

From that moment, I knew I wanted to play rugby, but there's only a boys' team at my school. With my dad's help, I found a girls' team nearby and next week I begin rugby training. My friends Ali and Matt think I'm mad, but I think they're old-fashioned. More and more women are beginning to take up sports like rugby, football and golf. Who knows? Maybe one day I'll play for England at Twickenham.

1. **Read Jess's Blog. Are the sentences correct or incorrect? If they are incorrect, write them in the correct way. If they are correct, just write the Word correct.**

1 Jess finished her homework before her phone rang.
2 People once grew vegetables on the land where the stadium now is.
3 Jess and her father could see the match very well.
4 The match started as soon as Jess and her father sat down.
5 England played better than Australia in the first half of the match.
6 Australia didn't score any points in the second half.
7 Jess can't play rugby at her school.

2. Match the highlighted words in the blog to the meanings.

1 the number of points that each person or team has in a competition
2 someone who teaches a sport or is in charge of a team's training programme
3 people who watch a player or team and want them to win
4 a big building where people watch sports events
5 the person who controls a sports game and makes sure people follow the rules