Vocabulary

1 **Use a word from the box in each gap to complete the text.**

coaches • favourites • opponents • referee • team

It was the day of the final! Last year's winning (1) _____ were hungry for another victory, but so were their (2) _____. In fact, having done so well during the season, they were this year's (3) _____ to win. The two sides took to the field with their (4) _____ shouting last-minute directions from the sidelines. The captains shook hands in the middle of the pitch. The (5) _____ blew the whistle and the game was underway!

2 **Choose the correct phrasal verbs to complete the sentences.**

1 Our girls are down by two points, but there's still time to **drop out / catch up** in the second half.
2 We were a little nervous about **taking on / giving up** last year's champions.
3 As soon as Jerry and I started playing volleyball, the whole gang **caught up / joined in**.
4 Unfortunately, Eva got the flu and had to **put off / drop out** of the competition at the last moment.
5 You must keep one thing in mind while you're training: never **give up / catch up**.
6 Don't **take on / put off** going to the doctor about that ankle. It might be broken.

3 **Use a form of the words in brackets in each gap to complete the sentences.**

1 Last week's _____ (**lost**) was a great shock to all of us as we'd expected to win.
2 Howard's _____ (**perform**) at yesterday's game was superb and helped us win by five points.
3 Luckily for us, the star player's _____ (**injure**) isn't serious and he'll only miss a couple of games.
4 The Jackson brothers are extremely _____ (**compete**) both on and off the playing field.
5 There's no practice tonight! Save your _____ (**strong**) for tomorrow's game.
6 Hosting the youth basketball games took a lot of _____ (**prepare**) from students and teachers.

4 **Use *go, do* or *play* in the correct form in each gap to complete the sentences.**

1 Hey, do you want _____ skateboarding this weekend?
2 I used _____ karate when I was younger. I really liked it.
3 Has Mary _____ horse-riding again? She seems to just love it!
4 Why don't we _____ squash after lunch?
5 Last summer, my friends and I _____ windsurfing every chance we got.
6 I think Jeff _____ skiing in the mountains with his family next weekend.
7 You _____ water polo, don't you? I'd love to learn. Can you teach me?
8 It helps to have long legs if you want _____ the high jump.

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