FANCY A GAME OF FOOTBALL ???





In different parts of the world the word football is used to describe some very different games. The only things they have **in common** is that they are all **team games**, they are played with a ball and they are related to games played in **medieval** times.

Most people think that football got its name from the fact that the players kick the ball, but that's not true. Different medieval games became known as football because people played them **on foot** and not **on horseback**.

The game the British know as football is officially called **Association Football**. People in Australia and the USA call it **soccer**. In this game, players can only use their **feet**, except for the **goalkeeper** who can use his hands too.

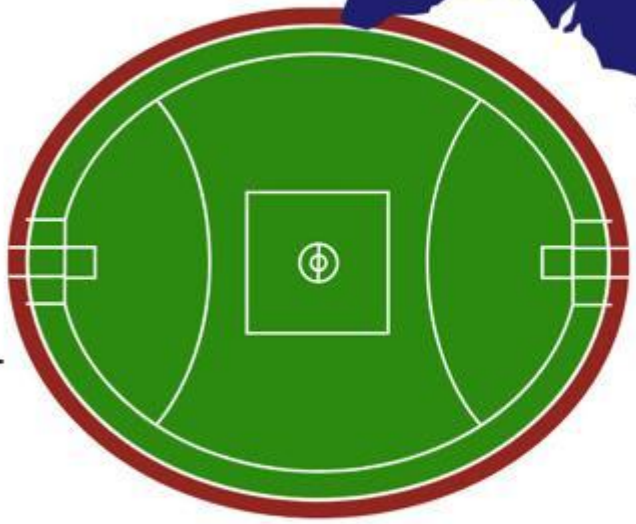
In the USA, football is something different. In **American Football**, players mostly use their hands. Players can **score** points by carrying the ball to score a **touchdown** or they can kick a field goal through the **upright posts**.

Football for Australians is **Australian Rules Football** or Aussie Rules and players use their hands and feet to **kick**, **pass** and **shoot**. Aussie Rules began as a way for cricket **players** to **keep fit** during the winter. It is played on cricket **pitches**, which are oval and much bigger than those used for other types of football.

The one thing that all football games have in common is that fans are **crazy about** them. In England in 1349, King Edward II banned football because it was making people practise **archery** less. Just imagine if someone tried to ban football today!

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Read again and write True or False

1. We call the sport football because players kick the ball. ____
2. Football is called soccer only in the USA. _____
3. In both American Football and Aussie Rules players can use their hands. _____
4. Aussie Rules is played on a pitch that is bigger than most football pitches. _____
5. People were not allowed to play football in England in 1349. _____

Read again and answer the questions.

1. Why were different medieval games called football?
   _____
2. What do people from the USA call Association Football?
   _____
3. How do you score a field goal?
   _____
4. What do Australians mean by football?
   _____
5. Where do Australians play Aussie Rules?
   _____

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horseback

soccer



goalkeeper



touchdown

score

upright posts



shoot



kick

pass



pitch



archery



players





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SRHAECOBK _____

OSCCER _____

EPEEORKLGA _____

HODNUCWTO _____

ROCSE _____

HTUPIRG OSTSP _____

THSOO _____

KCIK _____

SPAS _____

CIPTH _____

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Project

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Give a presentation!

Search the Internet and find information about the history of another sport. Find as many interesting facts as possible and present them to the class.

Example

Fun & Fascinating Tennis Facts

1. **Tennis was originally played with bare hands – Rackets were introduced in the 16th century.**
2. **The term "love" (meaning zero) comes from the French word l'œuf (egg), symbolizing a zero.**
3. **Wimbledon is the oldest tennis tournament – First held in 1877 and still played on grass courts.**
4. **Yellow tennis balls were introduced in 1972 – Before that, balls were white!**



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