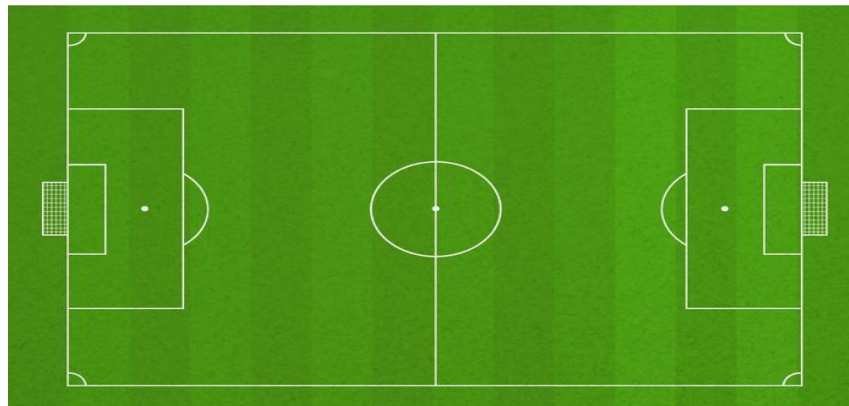




Team Sports: Football – Your Favourite Team

Football – Soccer is a sport which involves kicking a ball to score a goal. The playing field is covered with synthetic grass, it has a halfway line, a centre spot, a penalty arc, a penalty spot, a penalty area marking, a goal area, a substitutes' bench, the spot of the referee, a corner flag, and a corner arc.



The player positions in football are those of goalkeeper, stopper, sweeper, right back, left back defensive midfielder, striker, right midfielder, left midfielder, forward. The basic tactical scheme is that of 4-4-2, a formation with 4 defenders, four midfielders, and two forwards. The players wear a team shirt, shorts, socks, soccer shoes, and goalkeeper's gloves. The team is made up of 11 players

Football has been played since ancient times, in various forms. A major role in its development is held by the public schools (equivalent to private schools in other countries) in Britain. There are four key achievements in the creation of modern

football codes. First of all, these schools took away football from its "mob" form and turned it into an organised team sport. Then the people who recorded descriptions of the sport were coming from such schools. Third, the teachers, students of these schools codified the football games, for matches to be played between schools. Finally, the English public schools made the division between "kicking" and "running" clear.

The first football club appeared in Edinburgh, Scotland, under the name of "The Football Club

In 1824, and the first reference to a football game in which players passed the ball and attempted to score a goal was written by a Scottish teacher in 1633.

Along its development, football has had various sets of rules, such as the Cambridge rules, the Sheffield rules, the Australian rules and the Football Association rules. (Adapted from *Wikipedia-Football*)

Fill in the gaps with the following words:

Field, referee, score, halfway line, penalty spot, goalkeeper, striker, gloves, soccer shoes, national anthem, organised, codified, matches, fix the match, kick, football club, rules.

Football is played on a

The game is supervised by a Swedish

This player has never..... a goal.

The..... divides the football field into two parts.

The penalties are applied from the

This team has an excellent.....

There is a very good in their team.

The goalkeeper always wears.....

All players wear special shoes on the field,

The games start with the playing of the of each team.

The rules help to have..... games.

The football games were as early as the early 1840s.

They play exciting.....

The rules forbid the teams to

You have to the ball in football.

The first was established in England.

Great Britain has a major role in establishing football.....

Describe your favourite football team using the following model:

Full name	Manchester United Football Club
Nickname	The Red Devils
Short name	MUFC
Founded	1878, in 1902 as Manchester United F.C.
Ground	Old Trafford
Owner	Manchester United plc
Manager	Jose Mourinho
League	Premier League
Website	Club website
Favourite player	Lee Grant, Goalkeeper
Comments	- It has won more trophies than any other club in English football - 20 Leagues titles, 12 FA Cups, 5 League Cups, 21 FA Community Shields, three UEFA Champions League, one UEFA Europa League, one UEFA Cup Winners' Cup, one UEFA Super Cup, one Intercontinental Cup, one FIFA Club World Cup

Source : *Wikipedia, Football, Manchester United*

Open the following link, read about the history of football, and do the exercises that follow:

[History of Football](#)

Grammar issues – Prepositions

Prepositions of space

To _____	onto _____	into _____
At _____	on _____	in _____
From _____	off _____	out of _____

Destination

- The car goes to the garage.
- We are driving away from the town.
- Put this book onto the table.
- She walked into the room.
- Get out of the water when you are tired.

Position

- It stops at the garage.
- We are away from town.
- It is on the table.
- She is in the room.
- Stay out of the water.

Phrases:

- get on the bus – I am getting on the bus right now.
- Get in the car – Get in the car, I said get in the car!
- Put the money in the bank – They put the money in the bank.
- Run into difficulties – They ran into difficulties.
- Get into trouble – She got into serious trouble.
- Fall into bad habits – He fell into bad habits, drugs.

Fill in each blank with To, Into or From:

1. She learnt English.....books. 2. Then she taught ityou. 3. A prisoner escapedprison. 4. He escapedthe woods. 5. They saved himdrowning. He retiredthe army.

By _____	beside _____	beyond _____
Past _____	through _____	across _____
With _____	without _____	between _____
Among _____	against _____	behind _____
Next to _____	in front of _____	at the back of _____
Near _____	above _____	under _____
Up _____	down _____	over _____

Practise:

- I passed you yesterday
- We drove the city
- I don't like tea milk
- They divided foodthem
- Stand me.
- I can look this piece of glass.
- Don't go there me.
- They fight a whole army.
- We walkedthe bridge.
- You have to passthe fence
- It is you and me
- There is a big tree right you.
- A car parked the house.
-back of the building, there are garbage cans
- My book isthose files.
- Get it! Don't let trouble overcome you.
- Our office is next..... the supermarket.
- Put this bag the luggage.
- Look up! The sky is faryou.

Prepositions of time

At _____	on _____	during _____	by _____
In _____	for _____	since _____	within _____
Until _____	before _____	after _____	

- We will come back another date.
- year there was much flooding.
-I we see again, I wish you all the best.
- The store opens.... August 10.
- She hasn't been here a long time.
- The goods will reach weekend.
- We were talking during the meeting.
- I haven't seen them 1990.
-the War, Europe was divided.
-ten o'clock, this work will be finished.
- The situation improved a few days

Conjunctions

- And _____
- But _____

- bothand _____
- either....or _____
- neither...nor _____
- not only....but also _____

Identify the conjunctions in the sentences below :

- He plays football and rugby.
- I make payments and keep the accounts.
- He works quickly but accurately.
- She is intelligent but lazy.
- Both men and women were called into the army.
- He can't either read or write.
- You can either walk or drive up there.
- He can neither read nor write.
- Not only girls but also boys were admitted.

though/although _____

because _____

while _____

if _____

when _____

as/since/because ____

Translate into English:

- Deși te rog, nu-mi cumperi nimic.
- Dacă ne invită, vom merge la recepție.
- În timp ce vorbim, arată-mi și pliantele.
- Când m-ai sunat? Ieri? În fața casei, avem un măr uriaș.
- Raportul tău este sub aceste dosare.
- Sunt la birou.
- Ei au intrat pe teren.
- Delegația a ieșit din sediu.
- Nu mergem la București trenul.
- Întotdeauna mergem cu mașina.

Choose the correct preposition in the brackets in the sentences below:

The secretary walked (in, into) the office. She put her bag (on, at) the desk. She sat (on, in) her chair (in, into) the office. The boss is still (at, in) home. The secretary spends many hours (in, on) her office (on, at) the company. She found a note pinned (in, on) her notepad which said: "Please call me (at, in) the number written (on, at)

here.” She dialed the number and called. The secretary (in, at) the other office told her.” You must always write the return address (in, on) the envelope you send out”.

Supply by, for, from, with or without:

There was a loud noiseabove. The manJapan spokean accent. We came to AmsterdamKLM. We travelledair. He is a good speaker: he speaks and debatesthe best. The team workedhours to repair the damaged pipe. He defended the companyhis last breath. You always eat at that restaurant: why don't you go to the Chinese restauranta change?an executive he shows little interest in the company's managerial levels. I think this offices moves betteryou. I shall submit another report.....your consideration.degrees we became good partners. I read that materialsome difficulty, as it was chaotically written. He wouldn't have harmed usthe world. Your behaviour was too disgusting.....words. He negotiatesease. These tropical fruits are soldpiece, notweight. He pleadedthe director to be nominated for the award

. The car stopped.....warning . His worries about the company seem.....end. She tried hard to pass the probation period, butsuccess. He promised to come at 10 o'clockfail. Approach the matter.....fear: you have to solve it. I know that ladysight but we have never been introduced to each other. He is travelling to Singaporeland and sea. You have talked for hours but.....result. You cannot obtain that piece of land.....force. Our products are the best: I can recommend them.....reserve. Are you interested in a car hire orsale? I will not treat such behaviourindifference. You can send the folders to mepost. She was dismissed by her employer.....notice. Make an effort and treat the problem.....prejudice.

Insert the correct prepositions:

in front of, against, by, between, to, on, in, under, for, from, with

I am _____ eccentric clothes. There are so many trees _____ my house. I saw that lady standing _____ Charlie and you: who is she? This book is

written _____ a Chinese writer. I can't go _____ you to Singapore. I am going _____ the supermarket to buy foodstuff. There is such a building _____ Fifth Street. Where are you _____ ? She can't make a difference _____ Chinese and Japanese. I am going for vacation _____ July. You always leave your slippers _____ the bed. How do I find that file _____ your computer? Use "Find" and the computer will find it _____ you. Why do you speak _____ my proposal in this issue? We are already _____ June!