

### Task - Fill in the gaps

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You can go back and change answers as you go.

It's Saturday morning. Rain, hail or sunshine, I get up early, and get dressed in my rugby league gear: black shorts, green-and-yellow socks, and a bright yellow jersey with green stripes and a big black number 10 on the back.

"Your jersey's number 10," \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> Mum, "but you're my number one!" \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> get to the grounds, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> wait to play. Mum whispers in \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> ear. "Watch the ball all the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, son." The whistle blows. The other guys kick the ball. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> all run towards it. I hear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> Mum's voice. "The ball, Te Hiko – \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> the ball!" Where is it? I run. There it is! Then \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> hear my Mum's voice! "Grab the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, son. Go!" I pick it up and run. Mum calls out, "Hold on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> the ball, Te Hiko!" I try \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> pass it to my mates, but \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> in the way. I tuck it \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> my arm and run for the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>15</sup>. Oops! I'm tackled, and I crash \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> the ground. I've lost the ball. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>17</sup> scramble to my feet. I've had enough. But Mum's voice \_\_\_\_\_<sup>18</sup> in the air, "Get the ball, !" \_\_\_\_\_<sup>19</sup>. There it is! I grab it \_\_\_\_\_<sup>20</sup> run. Suddenly the goal line disappears. I can't hear my Mum \_\_\_\_\_<sup>21</sup> more. I crash to the ground \_\_\_\_\_<sup>22</sup>. And then the whistle blows. Too \_\_\_\_\_<sup>23</sup> to score. I've blown it again. I look around for Mum. And \_\_\_\_\_<sup>24</sup> she is, all smiles. It's just \_\_\_\_\_<sup>25</sup> announced that I'm player of the ! \_\_\_\_\_<sup>26</sup> She gives me a big hug. "\_\_\_\_\_<sup>27</sup> you, son," she says. "I told \_\_\_\_\_<sup>28</sup> you're my number one!"