

MY MATCHDAY

THE COMMENTATOR

Hello and welcome to today's match. It is City against United in the Cup Final and everyone is excited about this fantastic match. **1.** _____ is at 3 o'clock and that is only five minutes from now. The players are doing their final **2.** _____ exercises to prepare for the game.

The referee blows his whistle and the **3.** _____ starts. United are in red shirts and City are wearing blue. City have the first chance and it's a brilliant goal! City 1-0 United.

The referee blows his whistle and it's **4.** _____. The players have a 15 minute break. What will the managers say to the players at half-time?

United are playing very well in the **5.** _____, but City are still winning 1-0. The 90 minutes are finished. The fourth official says there are three minutes of **6.** _____. United have three minutes to score a goal. United have one more chance and it's a goal! United have scored! It's City 1-1 United.

The referee blows the **7.** _____! It's **8.** _____. We now have 30 minutes of **9.** _____. Who is going to win the Cup Final?



KICK OFF



WARM UP



FIRST HALF



HALF TIME



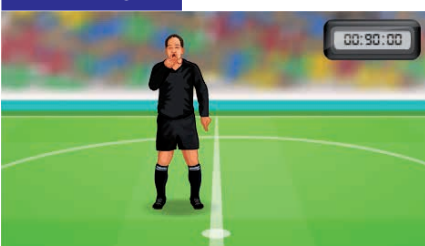
SECOND HALF



INJURY TIME



FINAL WHISTLE



FULL TIME



EXTRA TIME



ANSWER KEY: 1. kick off 2. warm up 3. first half 4. half time 5. second half 6. injury time 7. final whistle 8. full time 9. extra time

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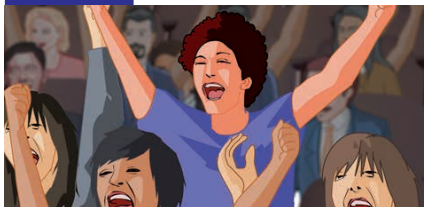
THE FAN



It's a hot day and I am waiting for my friends to go to the match. I am wearing my **1.** _____ – blue and white. I am very happy because it's the big match today. I see my friends and say 'Hi' and they give me my match ticket.

We walk to the stadium together, talking about our favourite players. There are lots of fans in the street and many of them are **2.** _____ and **3.** _____ the flags of their favourite team.

We arrive at the **4.** _____ and I give my **5.** _____ to the man on the **6.** _____ and we go in. We are sitting with 40,000 other fans, who are all singing. It is very exciting. I see the players come out of the **7.** _____ and onto the pitch. All the fans are **8.** _____ and we wait for the **9.** _____ to blow his **10.** _____ to start the match.

TEAM COLOURS**SINGING****WAVING****STADIUM****MATCH TICKET****TURNSTILE****TUNNEL****CHEERING****REFEREE****WHISTLE**

ANSWER KEY: 1. team colours 2. singing/cheering 3. waving 4. stadium 5. match ticket 6. turnstile 7. tunnel 8. cheering / singing 9. referee 10. whistle

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THE GOALKEEPER

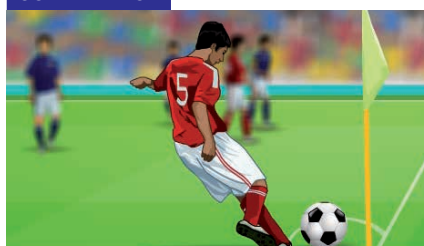
It's an important match today. It's the **1.** _____ of the Cup and it's my job to stop the other team scoring goals – I am the **2.** _____. Before the match, I practise with the goalkeeping **3.** _____. My job on the pitch is different and I often practise away from the other players.

I put on my **4.** _____ and the match starts. I am nervous but my team are playing very well and I don't have anything to do. We are winning 1–0 and then the striker from the other team is going to **5.** _____. The ball is moving very fast, but I jump to my left and **6.** _____ the ball.

In the **7.** _____, the other team have lots of shots but I save all of them. Then, in the final minute they have a **8.** _____ and the ball hits a player's hand. The referee says '**9.** _____'. Penalty!'

Now I'm really nervous.

The player puts the ball on the penalty spot. He runs and hits the ball. I jump to my right and save the penalty! The referee blows the final whistle. All my teammates jump on me. We are going to the Cup Final!

**SEMI-FINAL****GOALKEEPER****TRAINER****GLOVES****SHOOT****SAVE****SECOND HALF****CORNER KICK****HANDBALL**

ANSWER KEY: 1. semi-final 2. goalkeeper 3. trainer 4. gloves 5. shoot 6. save 7. second half 8. corner kick 9. handball

MY MATCHDAY

THE GROUNDSMAN

It's Saturday morning and I am looking at the football pitch and looking at the sky. Is it going to rain today or not? The match doesn't start for six more hours but I start work early. It's my job to prepare the pitch. I am the **1.** _____.

Am I going to water the pitch today? The **2.** _____ and players like the pitch to be wet because the **3.** _____ moves faster. But if it rains there may be too much water and the ball will move too slowly. I decide to water the pitch.

Before the game, we check all the lines on the pitch. We start in the middle with the **4.** _____ then we move to the **5.** _____ and finally the **6.** _____ at the sides of the pitch. We also check that the net is attached correctly to the **7.** _____.

At **8.** _____, my team go and look at the pitch. There were lots of tackles in the **9.** _____ and we only have 15 minutes to prepare the pitch.

The match finishes and we win 2-0. The fans are happy and I am very happy because we won and it didn't rain. The pitch was perfect.



GROUNDSMAN



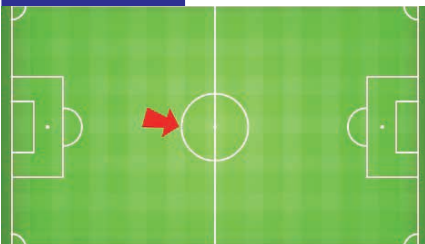
MANAGER



BALL



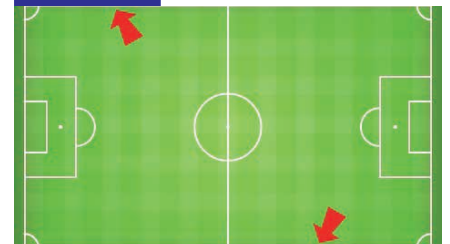
CENTRE CIRCLE



GOAL LINE



TOUCH LINE



GOAL



HALF TIME



FIRST HALF



ANSWER KEY: 1. groundsman 2. manager 3. ball 4. centre circle 5. goal line 6. touch line 7. goal 8. half time 9. first half

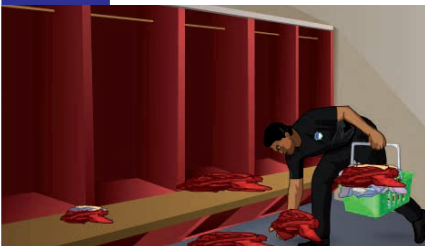
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THE KIT MAN

Today is match day and it's my job to prepare the players' sports clothes. I am the **1.** _____.

In the morning I have some help from the youth players. They clean the **2.** _____ players' **3.** _____ and then we put them in the **4.** _____.

Two hours before the game, I go back to the dressing room and put all the players' kit in there. Each player has a peg and I hang the correct number **5.** _____ on it. On the players' seats, I put the **6.** _____ and **7.** _____, which protect the player's legs. I also need to remember the **8.** _____ for the goalkeeper. I give each player a **9.** _____. The players wear the tracksuit over their kit.

**KIT MAN****FIRST TEAM****BOOTS****DRESSING ROOM****SHIRT****SHORTS****SHINPADS****GLOVES****TRACKSUIT**

ANSWER KEY: 1. kit man 2. first team 3. boots 4. dressing room 5. shirt 6. shorts 7. shinpads 8. gloves 9. tracksuit

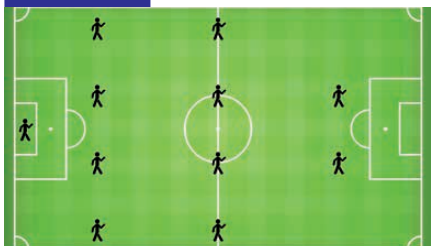
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THE MANAGER

I am the team **1.** _____. When there is no match, the players come to me and the coach for **2.** _____. The players arrive after breakfast at 9 o'clock. First, the players do some **3.** _____ to get their muscles warm. After the stretching, we do some running. We do long runs and short runs to improve stamina and speed.

When all the players are ready, we do some training with the **4.** _____. All the players enjoy this part because it's like playing. Different players practise together – the goalkeepers do some specialist goalkeeping training with another **5.** _____. Later in the morning, we play small 5-a-side games.

After lunch, the coach and I talk to the players about **6.** _____. We watch videos of different matches and speak about how we are going to play in the next game. We speak about what **7.** _____ we are going to use. Sometimes we play 4-4-2 and sometimes we play 4-3-3. Later in the afternoon, some players go to the gym to work on **8.** _____ and some do more training with me. They are ready for the big match!

**MANAGER****TRAINING****STRETCHING****BALL****TRAINER****TACTICS****FORMATION****FITNESS**

ANSWER KEY: 1. manager 2. training 3. stretching 4. ball 5. trainer 6. tactics 7. formation 8. fitness

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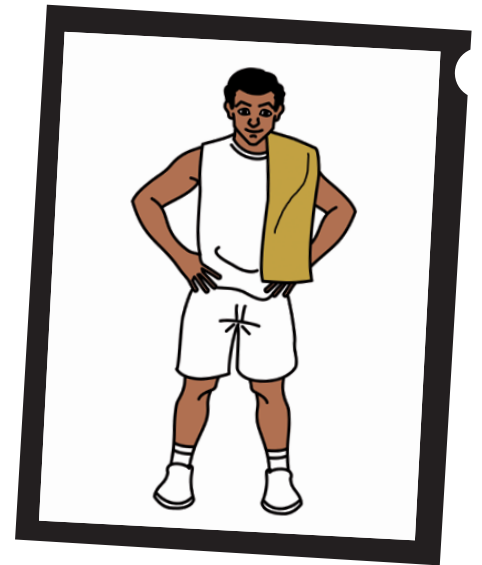
THE PHYSIO

I am the team **1.** _____ and my match day starts early. Most of the players come in late on a match day because there is no **2.** _____. But some players have injuries and need physiotherapy today. I take a player to the swimming pool and another to the gym for some light **3.** _____ work. I also work with the **4.** _____ to talk about players who are injured.

Before the match, I give a few of the players a massage because it is part of their **5.** _____ routine. It helps them prepare for a match both physically and mentally.

During the match, there is an **6.** _____ to a player. I run on to the pitch. Normally, players continue, but this time I tell the **7.** _____ that the player needs to go off. The manager brings on a **8.** _____.

After the match, I make sure all the players have warmed down correctly so they don't get any more injuries. It's a long day!

**PHYSIO****TRAINING****FITNESS****CLUB DOCTOR****WARM UP****INJURY****MANAGER****SUBSTITUTE**

ANSWER KEY: 1. physio 2. physio 3. fitness 4. club doctor 5. warm up 6. injury 7. manager 8. substitute

MY MATCHDAY

THE PLAYER

It's my first day at my new club! It's my first top **1.** _____ club and I am very excited. I walk into the stadium and, the **2.** _____ is there to meet me. 'Hi, welcome to the club', he says. 'I'm going to take you on a tour of the stadium.'

We go upstairs and walk into a big office. It's the office of the **3.** _____ and owner of the club. 'Hello, welcome to the club', he says. 'The **4.** _____ saw you playing in Ecuador. He says you will score lots of goals.'

'I hope so' I say.

We walk onto the pitch. There is a man who is watering the grass and he says, 'Hi, welcome to the club.'

'That's the **5.** _____. His name is Harry', the manager tells me.

We walk inside and I see a **6.** _____ giving a player a massage.

'He's hurt his leg but he should be OK for the match on Saturday', says the physio.

'OK, it's time for training' I hear someone shout.

'That's Steve, the **7.** _____. It's time to meet all of the players.'



DIVISION



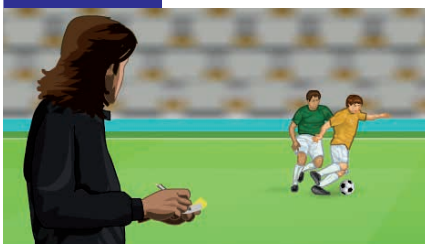
MANAGER



CHAIRMAN



CHIEF SCOUT



GROUNDSMAN



PHYSIO



FIRST TEAM COACH



ANSWER KEY: 1. division 2. manager 3. chairman 4. chief scout 5. groundsman 6. physio 7. first team coach

MY MATCHDAY

THE REFEREE

Today is a big match and I am a little nervous before the game. I arrive at the stadium three hours before the match starts. There are four people in my team – two assistant referees, the fourth official and me, the **1.** _____. We all look around the stadium to check that everything is OK. I also speak to the **2.** _____ of each team before the game.

I blow my **3.** _____ and the match starts. It is a very fast game. In the tenth minute there is a goal, but my **4.** _____ puts up his **5.** _____. It isn't a goal, the player is too far forward – he's **6.** _____. The fans in the stadium aren't happy. They are shouting and **7.** _____. The player is very angry and starts shouting, too. I show him a **8.** _____.

It's only the tenth minute; this is going to be a difficult match for me!



REFEREE



CAPTAIN



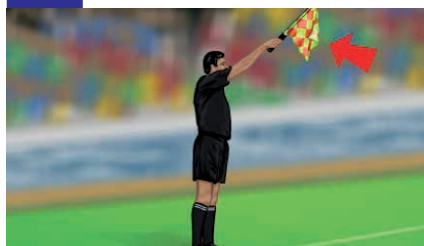
WHISTLE



ASSISTANT REFEREE



FLAG



OFFSIDE



BOOING



YELLOW CARD



ANSWER KEY: 1. referee 2. captain 3. whistle 4. assistant referee 5. flag 6. offside 7. booing 8. yellow card

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THE STEWARD

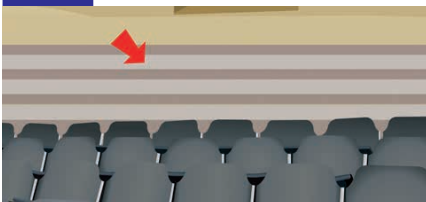
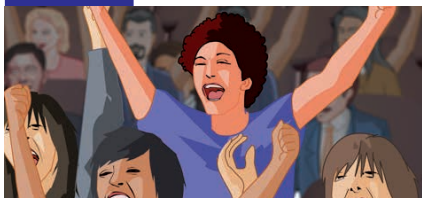
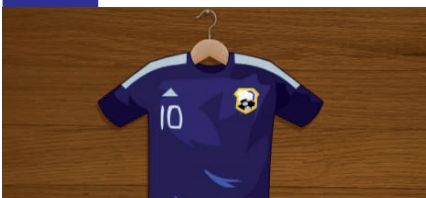
I am one of the **1.** _____ and it's my job to make sure fans are safe in the **2.** _____.

My match day starts three hours before **3.** _____. All the stewards and the police have a meeting. Today, I'm working in the biggest **4.** _____ in the stadium – it has a capacity of 15,000 fans.

Two hours before kick off, we open the **5.** _____ of the stadium and **6.** _____ start to come in. I check each fan's **7.** _____ and tell them where to sit.

The match starts, and the team are playing well, but I can't watch the football match! I watch the fans in case there are any problems. But there is only **8.** _____ today because we win the match 4–0.

After the match, we tidy the stands. We sometimes find flags **9.** _____ and even team **10.** _____ on the seats! Today we won, so the happy fans take everything home. This makes my job easier!

**STEWARDS****STADIUM****KICK OFF****STAND****GATES****FANS****MATCH TICKET****CHEERING****BANNERS****SHIRTS**

ANSWER KEY: 1. stewards 2. stadium 3. kick off 4. stand 5. gates 6. fans 7. match ticket 8. cheering 9. banners 10. shirts