

Unit 8 Technology in Sports

Reading Comprehension

A. Main Reading

Circle the best answers.

1. What is NOT part of the sequence of events described in (the first paragraph of) the passage?
 - a. Your team is down by a goal.
 - b. Your favorite player shoots the ball.
 - c. The ball hits the referee.
 - d. The referee says it was not a goal.
2. Which two teams played the game in which a goal did not count?
 - a. England and Germany
 - b. England and America
 - c. France and Germany
 - d. Spain and Brazil
3. What is FIFA's rule?
 - a. Balls that hit the crossbar do not count.
 - b. English goals do not count.
 - c. Instant replays decide which goals count.
 - d. The referee's first call is what counts.
4. What does the new goal-line technology do?
 - a. It replaces referees for making calls on goals.
 - b. It tells fans when a goal is scored.
 - c. It helps players take more accurate shots.
 - d. It tells referees when a ball crosses the goal line.
5. What can be inferred about FIFA?
 - a. It does not like new technology.
 - b. It trusts the referees to get most calls correct.
 - c. It does not want England to win a FIFA World Cup.
 - d. It does not care about helping referees do their job better.

B. Focus on Language

Circle the correct words.

6. Katrina just scored an ace. That (is down / ties up) the match!
7. Yan and Matt (are down / tie up) by ten points. They will have to play better to win the game.
8. Kim (is shoots / is shooting) the ball . . . Goal!
9. Right now, Jack and Jill (are playing / play) against Sergei and Svetlana.
10. I (is sending / am sending) a message to my favorite player.

C. Focus on Strategies

Write T for True or F for False.

11. In 1972, the US Olympic basketball team was given 6 extra seconds to try to score. _____
12. The US team lost but did not take their silver medals. _____
13. The Cardinals won the 1985 World Series. _____
14. In 1999, the Steelers lost a game because the referee did not hear the captain correctly. _____

Write the correct team names in the blanks.

15. The _____ basketball team scored the second time it was given three extra seconds at the 1972 Olympics.

In the 1985 World Series, a _____ player was called safe, but he should have been called out. The _____ ended up losing the game because of the call.

In 1999, the _____ football team won a game because the referee did not properly hear a player on the _____ team.