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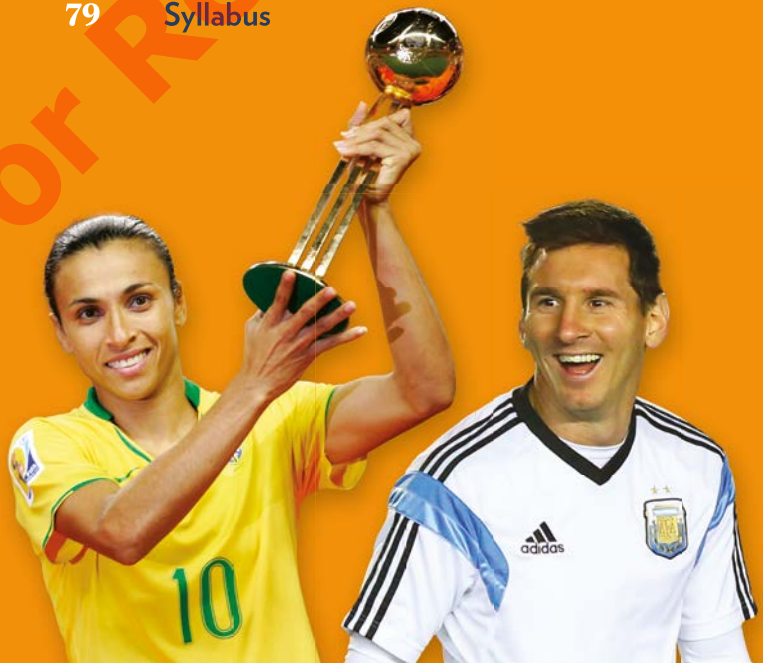
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Testimonials

Read the quotes below. Do you agree? Why? / Why not?

The Spirit of Football

If you're not playing with passion [= love + energy], then you're not playing football.

Thierry Henry, French footballer (born 1977)

The thing about football — the important thing about football — is that it is not just about football.

Terry Pratchett, British writer (1948–2015)



The more difficult the victory [= when you win], the greater the happiness in winning.

Pelé, legendary[1] Brazilian footballer (1940–2022)

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1 **legendary** very famous, talked about by many people

Team Work

You can't win together if you don't work together.

Nick Saban, American football coach[1] and sports journalist (born 1951)

You cannot win a game of football on your own; it's about the entire [= whole] team working together […].

That's how football works: it has always been about the group, not the individual [= single player].

Lucy Bronze, English footballer (born 1991)

No one is bigger than the team, you win together, and you can certainly lose together.

Sam Kerr, Australian football player (born 1993)

1 **coach** person who teaches people to play better football

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Testimonials

As Terry Pratchett said, football is not only about the game – it's also about who you are. Do you agree with these footballers and managers? Why / Why not?

Be the Best

Every single day, I wake up and commit to becoming [= work to become] a better player.

Mia Hamm, American soccer [= football] player (born 1972)

If you do not believe you can do it, then you have no chance [= hope of doing well] at all.

Arsène Wenger, French football manager (born 1949)

I think a footballer can have all the qualities [= how you are as a person] in the world, but if he doesn't have the attitude [= right way of thinking] and hunger, then he'll never reach the top."

José Mourinho, Portuguese football manager (born 1963)

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Football and Us

Football is the only thing
that can bring together an entire country,
regardless of [= not influenced by]
political or religious differences.

Zinedine Zidane, French footballer and manager
(born 1972)

Football is more than just a game.
It can bring hope and joy to people's lives.

Didier Drogba, Ivorian footballer
(born 1978)

Football, like life, is filled with
ups and downs,
and the most important thing
is to keep moving forward
and never give up.

Diego Maradona, Argentinian footballer
(1960–2020)



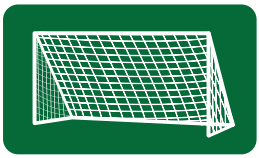
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Before you read

Vocabulary

1 **Match the words to the pictures.**

1 goalkeeper
2 net
3 referee
4 pitch
5 goal posts
6 score a goal
7 stadium
8 fan
9 striker
10 World Cup



a ☐



b ☐



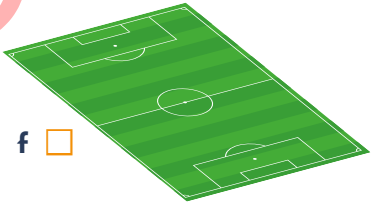
c ☐



d ☐



e ☐



f ☐



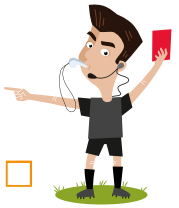
g ☐



h ☐



i ☐



j ☐

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2 **Fill in the table with the words from the box.**

amateur • attack • youth

Word	Meaning	Opposite	Meaning
adult	(adj.) describes people over 18	**1**	(adj.) describes people under 18
professional	(noun + adj.) sportsperson paid to play	**2**	(noun + adj.) sportsperson not paid to play
defend	(verb; football) try to stop the other team from getting a goal	**3**	(verb) try to move forward on the pitch to score a goal

Gap Fill

3 **You are a sports journalist at your local newspaper. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box to complete this match report.**

but • again • an • past • with • in • After • from • against • of

UNDER 21 TEAM BEATS VISITORS FROM PORTUGAL

In (**1**) ..... exciting match (**2**) ..... a strong team (**3**) ..... Porto in Portugal, the local under-21 team played (**4**) ..... energy and great teamwork. The Portuguese team worked hard, (**5**) ..... our best striker, Joe Smith, scored a brilliant goal early (**6**) ..... the first half. (**7**) ..... half-time, the Portuguese team scored a surprise goal. The score was 1–1. Our young players pushed forward to get (**8**) ..... the Portuguese defence and they scored (**9**) ....., winning the match 2–1 in front (**10**) ..... twenty thousand proud fans.

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Speaking – Pair Work

21st-century Skills

4 Talk about these questions with another student. Then write your answer.

1 What is your favourite sport? What do you like about it?

.....

2 Do you have a favourite team or sports person? What do you like about them?

.....

3 Do you do any sports? If so, which? What kind of exercise do you prefer?

.....

4 What new sport or exercise would you like to try? Why?

.....

Listening

A2 Key

2 **5 Listen to track 2 and complete the sentences using the correct number or date.**

1863 • 1300s • 4-4-2 • 100,000 • four • four • two • 5000

1 Modern stadiums have seats for more than ..... people.

2 Over ..... years ago people in China played *cuju*, a game like football.

3 Football was popular in England and France during the ..... .

4 In ..... the Football Association wrote a list of instructions for football.

5 Some teams have ..... defenders, ... midfielders and ..... forwards.

6 This is called the ..... formation.

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Speaking - Group Work

Think

21st-century Skills

6 In groups, imagine you are trainers and coaches working for your national football team. Think about, then discuss, these questions together to come up with a plan you all agree on.

1 How will you help your players to stay fit?
2 How will you encourage the players to work as a team?
3 You have a big international match later this year, what formation will you choose and why?
4 How will you solve any problems in your team?

Writing - Realia Project

21st-century Skills

7 Great news! You have received money to start a new football club in your area. You are looking for players for both the male and female teams. Make a poster or advertisement to get players to join your exciting new project. Remember to include – why you are starting the team and how you feel about it; where the club is; the date and time training starts; age groups; level of football; and any other information you think is important.



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Chapter 1

The Beautiful Game

2 Football is the world's favourite sport – and that's official! Football is played all over the world and by people of all ages. Today, the richest clubs play in big stadiums that have seats for more than 100,000 people, but do you know how the game started?

There are at least 250 million footballers in the world, and they play in nearly every country.



The Beginning of Football

Did you know that over five thousand years ago people in China played *cuju* – a game like football? The Ancient[1] Greeks played a ball game called *Episkyros* and Ancient Egyptians played with a ball made of animal skin. Football was popular in England and France during the 1300s but these games were played for days, had many players, and were often dangerous!



1 **ancient** (here) from a long time in the past

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In football, every goal you score is a time to celebrate[1].

The Modern Game

In 1863, the Football Association[2] of England wrote a list of rules[3] that explained how to play the game. This was the start of the game that we know and love today.

Did you know that 3.5–4 billion people enjoy watching football? That's a lot of fans!

1 **celebrate** (here) show you are happy (because of good news)
2 **Football Association** (also called the FA) world's first official group for footballers and clubs
3 **rules** instructions

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The Football Team

Modern football teams have eleven players. What do these players do? The goalkeeper tries to stop the other team kicking the ball into his team's net. Defenders play in front of the goalkeeper and stop the ball getting too close to the goal area. In front of them are the midfielders. Why are they called that? Because they usually play in the middle of the field, or pitch. Last, are the forwards – these players try to score goals.

4-4-2

Every team has a goalkeeper, and there are usually one or two forwards. In midfield and defence the number of players can change. The most popular team formation[1] is to have four defenders[2] and four midfielders with two forwards. This is called the 4-4-2 formation. Why is it so popular? Because the midfielders can help defend and attack.

In the US, football is called 'soccer'. US football is a different game – that ends with the Super Bowl every year.

1 **formation** where the manager wants each player to play
2 **defender** player that defends

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An example of the 4-4-2 formation – offers both strong defence and attack. The wingers[1] help to open up the game.

1	**GK**	Goalkeeper
2	**LB**	Left-Back
3	**CB**	Centre-Back
4	**CB**	Centre-Back
5	**RB**	Right-Back
6	**DM**	Defensive Midfielder
7	**CM**	Central Midfielder
8	**LW**	Left Winger
9	**RW**	Right Winger
10	**CAM**	Central Attacking Midfielder / Playmaker (Pelé, Diego Maradona, Lionel Messi)
11	**ST/ CF**	Striker / Centre Forward

1 **winger** attacking player (plays on the left or right side of the pitch)

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3 A Different Formation

4-2-3-1 has helped Spain (2010), Germany (2014) and France (2018) win the Football World Cup. With three defending midfielders and a defender (3-1), teams protect their goal. Four forwards with two midfielders (4-2) offer a strong attack.

Football's Greatest Players

You can't win a football match by yourself, but some individual players get famous. Why? Because they're the best! First on the list is Brazilian striker Pelé (1940–2022) who won three World Cups for Brazil. This incredible[1] footballer scored more goals than any other player — 1,279 in 1,363 games. The most famous player of the 1970s to 1990s was Diego Maradona. Born in Argentina, he scored 'the goal of the century' in a 1986 victory over England.

In this book we learn about the lives and careers of two great footballers – Argentina's Lionel Messi and Brazil's Marta.

1 **incredible** so great it is hard to believe

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Full name:
Edson Arantes do Nascimento
Nickname[1]**:**
Pelé
World Cup winner:
with Brazil (1958, 1962, 1970)
Youngest World Cup winner:
aged 17 in 1958
Played for:
Santos FC[2] Legend (1956-1974)
Outside football:
gave a lot of his time and money to make children's lives better, wrote music and books



Full name:
Diego Armando Maradona Franco
Nickname:
El Pibe de Oro ('the Golden Boy')
World Cup winner:
with Argentina, as captain (1986)
Named:
FIFA top player of the 20th century
Famous team:
Napoli (1984-1991)
World's most expensive:
Napoli paid €12 million to Barcelona for Maradona – making him the most expensive player at that time.

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1 **nickname** funny / kind name that other people give you (not your real name)

2 **FC** Football Club

Reading and Grammar A2 Key

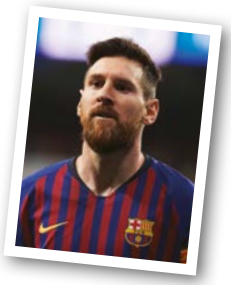
1 Choose the correct word (A, B or C) to complete the text about Chapter 1.

Football is played all (**1**) ..... the world and (**2**) ..... people of all ages. Some clubs have big stadiums (**3**) ..... seats for thousands of fans, other teams play (**4**) ..... a local level in their neighbourhoods. Teams are made up (**5**) ..... eleven players – a goalkeeper, defenders, midfielders and forwards or strikers. You can't win a football match (**6**) ..... yourself, it's a team game, but some players become world-famous because they are so good! Brazilian legend Pelé, for example, scored more goals (**7**) ..... any other player. Every four years, teams (**8**) ..... different countries play in the women's and men's World Cups – if you win, you are the best team in the world!

1	**A** over	**B** on	**C** about
2	**A** at	**B** from	**C** by
3	**A** with	**B** on	**C** for
4	**A** to	**B** at	**C** as
5	**A** by	**B** with	**C** of
6	**A** from	**B** out	**C** by
7	**A** as	**B** than	**C** from
8	**A** to	**B** from	**C** out

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Reading

2 **In the next chapter we meet football legend, Lionel Messi. Read this quote from him, then complete the table.**

> *"I'm Argentine, and I will always feel that in my soul [deepest part of you]. That's never changed, even when things were tough [difficult]."*

Question	Yes or no?	Answer from the quote
1 Do we learn where he comes from?		
2 Do we know about him as a person?		
3 Do we learn about his family?		
4 Did he have problems in his life?		

Listening

6-7 **3** **Listen to the start of Chapter 2, and decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).**

	T	F
1 Lionel Messi was born in a small town a few kilometres north of Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Argentina.	☐	☐
2 His home city, Rosario, is known for its live music, arts and working-class culture.	☐	☐
3 Messi's family lived in a part of town with a strong spirit.	☐	☐
4 Messi's grandmother was worried he was too young.	☐	☐
5 Messi surprised everyone – he scored two goals in his first time on the pitch.	☐	☐

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