



## READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer each of the questions below:

### FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

**Football** or **soccer**, which is considered to be the most popular sport in the world, is a team sport played between two teams of eleven players using a **spherical ball**.



The object of the game, which is played on a wide **rectangular field** with a goal on each end of the field, is **to score** by putting the ball into the adversary goal. The goal is kept by a **goalkeeper** who is allowed, at the exception of other players, to use his / her hands in the game. The winners are those who score more goals. If the football (or soccer) match ends in a **draw**, the two teams may be redirected to play some **extra time** and / or **penalty shoot-outs** (each team taking turns to have a set number of **kicks** at the goal.)

The way football is played now was first codified in England. Nowadays, it is governed by the FIFA, "Fédération Internationale de Football Association" (International Federation of Association Football.) The game is played now all over the world and competitions are organized nationally, continentally and internationally. The most prestigious of football competitions is the **World Cup**, which is held every four years.

### Questions

1. Soccer is another word for football
  - a) True
  - b) False

2. Each team includes 22 players
  - a) True
  - b) False
  
3. The rules of the game were established
  - a) By an international committee
  - b) In England
  
4. The world cup competition takes place
  - a) Annually
  - b) Every five years
  - c) Every four years

5. Define the concept of *football* or *soccer*:

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6. What is the aim of the game?

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7. What happens if the football match ends in a draw?

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8. What are *penalty shoot-outs*?

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9. What is the role of FIFA regarding the laws of the game?

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10. Write down the ten technical words in bold and look for their correct translation in Spanish: