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Soccer players more at risk of dementia

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A UK university has found that heading a soccer ball can damage mental health. Experts from Glasgow University discovered that ex-professional football players are three and a half times more likely to die of dementia than other people. The experts looked at whether heading a football could lead to brain damage. They analyzed the deaths of 7,676 professional players who played between 1900 and 1976. The team compared the deaths of the players to those of 23,000 people who did not play football. They found that the ex-players suffered from a lot more brain injuries.

The research was requested by two football associations in the UK. The associations made the request after the death of an English football player in 2002. His family was sure he died because of playing football. Doctors said he died after "repeated minor brain traumas". The doctors said heading a soccer ball could cause this. A researcher said his research showed that ex-football players were more likely to suffer from Alzheimer's disease, motor neurone disease and Parkinson's disease. He said they were less likely to die of common diseases, like heart disease and lung cancer.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A UK university | a. play football |
| 2. Experts from | b. damage |
| 3. heading | c. more brain injuries |
| 4. lead to brain | d. has found that |
| 5. professional | e. of the players |
| 6. compared the deaths | f. Glasgow University |
| 7. people who did not | g. players |
| 8. suffered from a lot | h. a football |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. requested by two | a. to suffer |
| 2. The associations made | b. brain traumas |
| 3. His family was | c. cancer |
| 4. repeated minor | d. football associations |
| 5. heading a soccer ball could | e. the request |
| 6. more likely | f. of common diseases |
| 7. less likely to die | g. sure |
| 8. lung | h. cause this |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A UK university (1) _____ heading a soccer ball can damage mental health. Experts from Glasgow University discovered that ex-professional football players (2) _____ a half times more (3) _____ of dementia than other people. The experts looked at whether heading a football could lead (4) _____. They analyzed the deaths of 7,676 professional players who played between 1900 and 1976. The team compared (5) _____ the players to those of 23,000 people who did not play football. They found that the ex-players (6) _____ lot more brain injuries.

The research (7) _____ two football associations in the UK. The associations (8) _____ after the death of an English football player in 2002. His family was sure he died (9) _____ football. Doctors said he died after "repeated minor brain traumas". The doctors said heading a soccer ball (10) _____. A researcher said his research showed that ex-football players were more (11) _____ from Alzheimer's disease, motor neurone disease and Parkinson's disease. He said they were less likely to die of common diseases, like heart (12) _____ cancer.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AUKuniversityhasfoundthattheadingsoccerballcandamagementalh
ealth.ExpertsfromGlasgowUniversitydiscoveredthatex-profession
alfootballplayersarethreeandahalftimesmorelikelytodieofdementiat
hanotherpeople.Theexpertslookedatwhetherheadingafootballcould
leadtobraindamage.Theyanalyzedthedeathsof7,676professionalpla
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onediseaseandParkinson'sdisease.Hesaidtheywerelesslikelytodieof
commondiseases,likeheartdiseaseandlungcancer.

SOCCER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191024-soccer-players-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about soccer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

