

Kick-off! The Story of Football

Patrick Adams

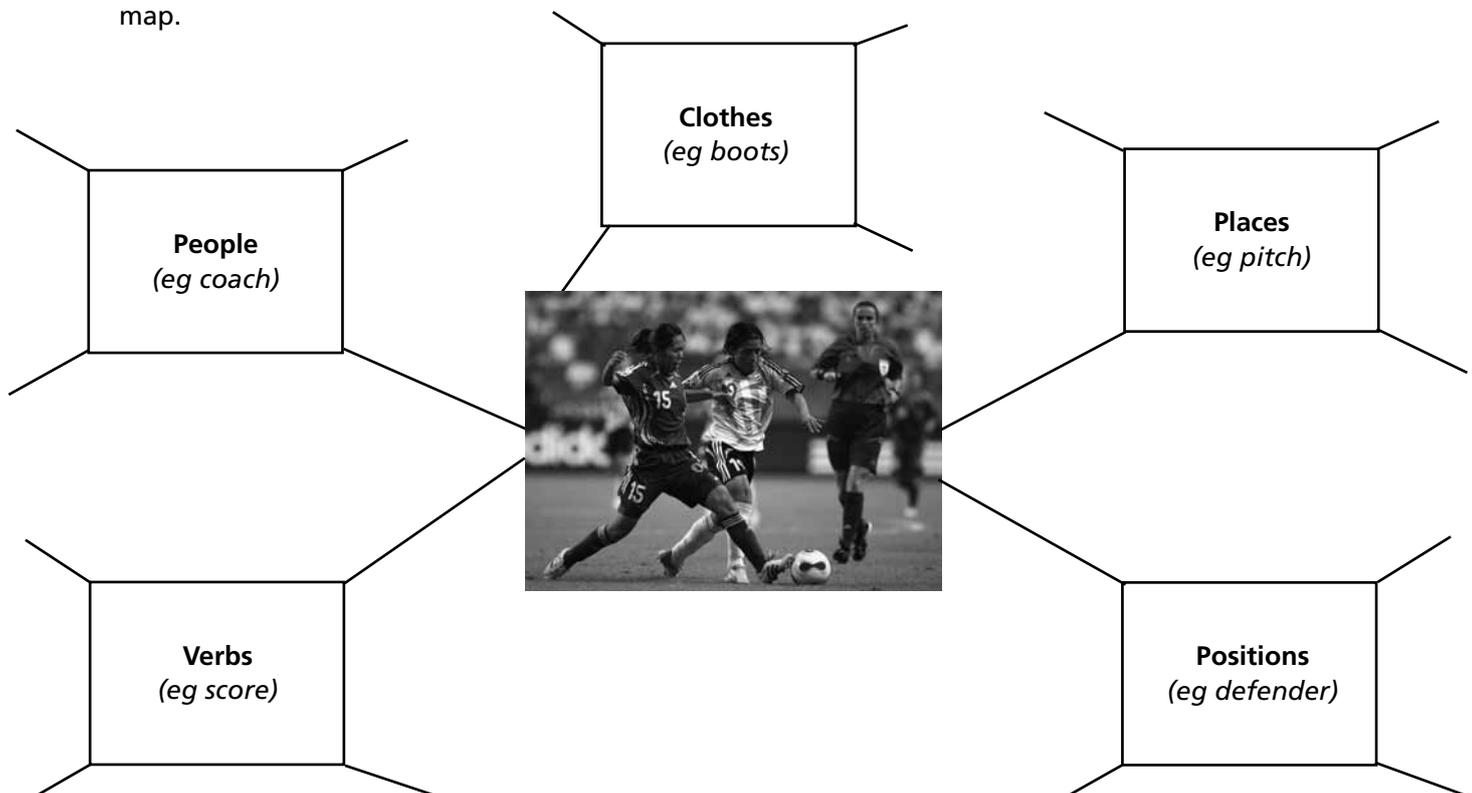
A Before Reading

1 *Kick-off! The Story of Football* gives lots of information about:

- the beginning of the game
- changes in clothes and rules
- past players
- modern players
- the game today

What do you know about these things? Check your ideas as you read.

2 What words connected with football do you expect to read in the book? Add your ideas to the mind map.



Look out for these words as you read, and add any others that you find.

3 Why do you think the following words are mentioned in Chapter 1, 'Early Ball Games'?

Mexico seven prisoners the Church 2000 BC Romans

Read the chapter to check your ideas.

B While Reading

- 4 There have been a number of important dates in the history of football. Look at the years in the table. As you read the first three chapters, write what happened in each year. The first one is an example.

Year	What happened?
1314	<i>Football was banned in London.</i>
1865	
1890	
1891	
1894	
1898	
1913	
1928	
1965	
1992	

- 5 Here are three very famous players. Who are they and what can you find out about them in the text? Think about their nationality, position, clubs they have played for, things they have done etc. Make notes as you read.

C After Reading

- 6 a Have you ever been to a football match? When and where was it? Who did you go with? Which teams played, and in which competition? What was the result and who scored the goals? Who was the best player? What was the atmosphere like in the stadium? What did you do afterwards? If you have never been to a match in person, think of one that you have seen on television.
- b Write a description of this match. Make sure you include all the details above.
- 7 Decide who the world's best players are (past or present) and invent your 'dream' team. Try to fit them into the original '2-3-5' formation shown below.



- 8 a Some people think that footballers earn too much money. What do you think? Make a list of arguments for and against high salaries for football players.

For	Against

- b Do you think that players are paid too much? Write a letter to a newspaper saying what your opinion is and giving three reasons to support your argument. Start your letter like this:
'Dear Editor, I am writing to say that I think that ...'