

Unit 2 Sports and Games

Lesson 2 - Reading

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

MOVING THE GOALPOSTS

Football is a team sport, with eleven players in a team. It is played on a rectangular field, with goalposts at each side of the field. The aim of the game is to try and kick the ball between the other team's goalposts. Football is the world's most popular sport, but do you think football is a sport for boys or girls?

Moving the Goalposts is the name of the sports centre in a poor area in Kenya. It is a special centre for girls only and gives girls a chance to practise and play football. At the centre they practise ball skills, working together as a team, and exercising.

On a match day you can hear the sound of girls clapping and cheering when a team scores a goal. The weather is hot, and the field is a dusty brown. Many of the girls are playing without shoes, but they are happy to run around and kick the ball.



Girls playing football on a dusty field.

Task 1. Tick (✓) all the things we learnt about football.

It is a team sport.	
Each team has 10 players.	
There is a goalpost at each side of the field.	
The aim is to kick the ball over the goalpost.	

Task 2. Complete these sentences with a word from the text.

- a. The Sports Centre is in a _____ area in Kenya.
- b. Only _____ can play at this centre.
- c. During a _____ the girls clap and cheer.
- d. Many girls play football without wearing any _____.

Task 3. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?

- To entertain the reader with an interesting story.
- To inform the reader or give more information.
- To persuade the reader to do or believe something