

# Football Stories

## *Workbook*



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Includes activities for every chapter of [The Big Match](#)

***Reading Level 2: Lower intermediate (Common European Framework (B1))***

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# Pre-Reading

## 100 Essential Football Words

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## Vocabulary

*'I'm the captain of this team,' he said. 'And I want her to be goalkeeper.'*

### 1. Complete the missing words:

In a football team there are eleven ----- . The goalkeeper remains constant but the other positions can ---- according to tactics. Typically there are four defenders (two full backs and two centre backs) four midfielders and two forwards or strikers. One player is the captain and wears an armband. The captain is often a central defender or a midfielder.

**strikers \* players \* defender \* change \* captain \* backs**



## Listening

**Listen to this short talk about football team formations.**

### *True or False*

1. Football was once a simple game.
2. The first England team formation had six defenders
3. Scotland played their first game against England with eight defenders
4. The offside law started in 1945
5. Herbert Chapman managed Arsenal
6. There are now several different team systems
7. Four defenders and two forwards is common in England
8. The Christmas Tree formation has three forwards.
9. The Triangle system is popular with some teams
10. All modern teams play with the same system



<h1>1</h1>	<h2>Who is getting married?</h2>
<i>Comprehension</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What will happen at the same time as Sharon's wedding?</li> <li>2) On what day of the week is Sharon's wedding?</li> <li>3) What is Matthew reading?</li> <li>4) Who is going back to sea?</li> <li>5) Who needs to practise penalties?</li> <li>6) Who takes three steps for her penalty?</li> <li>7) Who gets angry?</li> <li>8) Who wins the game of penalties in the park?</li> <li>9) Who says there is something wrong with the ball?</li> </ol>
<i>Vocabulary</i>  <u><a href="#">100 Essential Football Words</a></u>	<p><i>'The wedding is on the second Saturday in May,'</i>                  In 2011 this is Saturday, 14th May 2011 or 14/05/2011                  Write these days and/or dates in both forms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The birthdays of three people in your family</li> <li>2. The day and date 30 days from today</li> <li>3. Christmas Day &amp; two more public holidays.</li> </ol> <p><b>1 – ball 2 – cup 3 – player 4 – Game 5 – Match 6 – Win 7 – Lose 8 – Play 9 – Team 10 –</b></p>
<i>Speaking</i>	Work in pairs. Act the scene where Mrs Cross tells Matthew the news about the wedding.
<i>Writing (1)</i>	Describe the people in the story.

Writing (2)

1. Design a wedding invitation for two famous people.

*Please Join*

*Sharon & Sam*


*at their Wedding on*

*Saturday May 12 at 1.pm*



2. You are Aunt Sharon. Write the letter to Mrs Cross telling your big news.

## Chapter 2

	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Why is Matthew angry?</h3>
<p><i>Comprehension</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why can't Matthew watch the game on television?</li> <li>2. Who was the goalkeeper for the 'City' team?</li> <li>3. Who missed a penalty?</li> <li>4. Who ran out of the park?</li> </ol>
<p><i>Vocabulary</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>100 Essential Football Words</u></a></p>	<p><b>Complete the missing words:</b></p> <p><i>I'm the captain of this team,' he said. 'And I want her to be goalkeeper.'</i></p> <p>In a football team there are eleven (a)----- . The goalkeeper remains constant but the other positions can (b) ---- according to tactics. Typically there are four defenders: two full (c)--- and two centre backs, four midfielders and two forwards or strikers. One player is the (d) -----and wears an armband. The captain is often a central (e) ----- or a midfielder.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>strikers * players * defender * change * captain * backs</b></p>
<p><i>Speaking</i></p>	<p>Work in pairs. Describe football match you remember. What was special about this game?</p>
<p><i>Grammar</i></p>	<p><b>Comparatives &amp; Superlatives</b></p> <p><i>They think my aunt's little wedding is more important than the FA Cup Final.</i></p> <p>Write four more sentences comparing different thing. Use one of each of these phrases:</p> <p><i>better than * worse than * bigger than * more interesting than</i></p>
<p><i>Writing</i></p>	<p>How do you take a penalty? Write instructions for someone from Mars. You may need to use these words and phrases:</p> <p><i>penalty spot * place the ball * take a short/long run-up * the goal keeper must not ..... * aim your penalty *</i></p>

# 3



## What happens at the church?

### Comprehension

1. What does Matthew tell his mother the morning of the wedding?
2. What does Clive tell his mother?
3. Who says there is something wrong with the ball?

### Vocabulary

#### **Fill in the gaps with the words below:**

The wedding ----- is held in a church. The -----, the bride and the ----- stand at the front. The ----- sit behind them. On one side of the aisle there are the ----- friends and ----- . On the other are the bridegroom's friends and ----- Matthew runs down the ---- and out onto the street.

**congregation \* service \* aisle \* priest \* family \* bride's**

### Sequence

*The wedding service seemed to go on forever*

1. Matthew runs out of the church
2. The music starts
3. The bride and groom exchange rings
4. Mrs Cross runs after Matthew.
5. The bride arrives
6. The bridegroom arrives
7. The priest asks 'Do you take this ...'
8. The congregation leaves the church

### Writing

1. Look at this picture of the wedding. Write down what



you can see.



# Rules

*Here are some of the rule changes which helped create modern football.*

**Important Rule Changes**

- 1872 - corner kicks introduced
- 1883 - two handed throw-in introduced
- 1891 - referees and linesmen replace umpires
- 1891 - penalty kicks introduced
- 1912 - goalkeepers stopped from handling outside area
- 1913 - ten yard rule at free kicks
- 1914 - ten yard rule at corners
- 1925 - offside changed
- 1939 - numbers on shirts made compulsory
- 1965 - substitutes allowed for injured players
- 1966 - substitutes allowed for any reason
- 1981 - three points for a win introduced
- 1990 - offside changed again
- 1990 - 'professional foul' punished by automatic red card
- 1992 - back passes to goalkeepers banned
- 1995/97 - goalkeepers can move along line for a penalty/ cannot handle throw-in

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1891 - goal nets made compulsory

1872 - size of ball regulated

1871 - goalkeepers first mentioned in rules

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- *Choose what you think are the three most important rules in football.*
- *Write a sentence about each rule. Why is it important?*



# ***Further Activities***

## **Reading:**

Read about the early years of the FA Cup [here](#): Write a sentence about each of the following: a) M.P Betts b) Arthur Kinnaid c) the stolen cup c) a policeman on a white horse

## **Write:**

*200 Words on one of these titles:*

1. My most memorable football match
2. Double-booking
3. I ran away

## **Speaking, Listening.**

*Work in teams of up to four.*

A very rich businessman has bought a football club - but knows nothing about the game. He has £200 million to spend for the team that comes up with the best plan to get the new club into the Champions League.

Your team is going to present a plan to the businessman containing the following.

- a) A budget to cover the cost of the stadium (You can spend between £10-50 million), players, youth academy publicity etc
- b) The brand of the new team: colours, publicity etc. Where is your club located. Where will fans come from? Do you have local rivals?
- c) The key new players you want to buy (remember transfer costs!)
- d) An advertisement (TV, radio, internet or magazine) encouraging fans to support the new club.

*Each team presents their proposal to the new owner (the teacher?). The best one will take over the management of the club.*

# 100 Essential Football Words



*England's Italian football manager Fabio Capello claims he can manage his players with just 100 words. Researchers at Cambridge University came up with the list below*

1 – ball	2 – cup	3 –	Defend	40 – Attack	41	Tactics	72 – Training	
player	4 – Game	5 –	– Header	42 – Touch		73 – Formation	74 –	
Match	6 – Win	7 –	43 – Mark	44 – Dive	45	Possession	75 –	
Lose	8 – Play	9 – Team	– Referee	46 –		Pressure	76 – Defensive	
10 – Goalkeeper	11 –		Linesman	47 –		77 – Attacking	78 –	
Defender	12 – Fullback		Assistant	48 – Offside		Patience	79 – Fitness	80
13 – Midfielder	14 –		49 – Handball	50 –		– First-half	81 –	
Winger	15 – Striker	16	Free kick	51 – Penalty		Second-half	82 – Half-	
– Forward	17 –		52 – Corner	53 – Goal-		time	83 – Injury-time	
Defence	18 – Midfield		kick	54 – Caution	55 –	84 – Extra-time	85 –	
19 – Attack	20 – Pitch		Suspension	56 – Yellow		Physical	86 – Technical	
21 – Goal	22 –		57 – Red	58 – Cards	59	87 – Clever	88 – Pace	
Goalposts	23 –		– International	60 –		89 – Skill	90 – Talented	
Crossbar	24 –		Tournaments	61 –		91 – Fans	92 –	
Woodwork	25 – Box	26	Stages	62 –		Supporters	93 –	
– Touchlines	27 – Left		Competition	63 –		Passion	94 – Spirit	95 –
28 – Right	29 – Kick		Friendlies	64 –		Pride	96 – Excitement	
30 – Pass	31 – Tackle		Qualifiers	65 – Group		97 – Defeat	98 –	
32 – Cross	33 – Dribble		66 – Quarter-finals	67		Disappointment	99 –	
34 – Shoot	35 – Strike		– Semi-finals	68 –		Humiliation	100 –	
36 – Score	37 –		Progress	69 – Final	70	Sack.		
Equalise	38 – Foul	39 –	– Shoot-out	71 –				



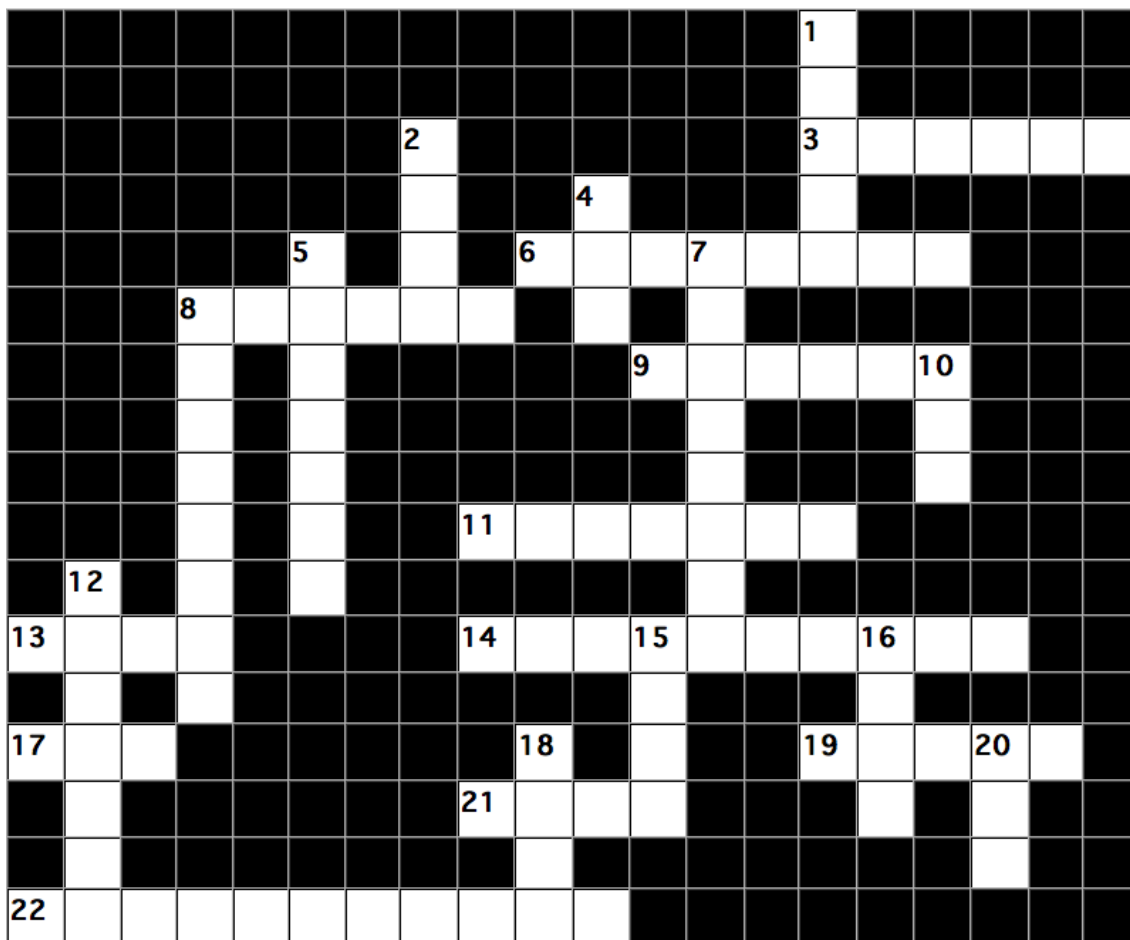












**Across:**

- 3 hurt, unable to play
- 6 central area of pitch
- 8 He scored with two shots and a -----
- 9 Another word for footballer
- 11 Plays high up the pitch
- 13 Group playing together
- 14 Can use hands
- 17 colour of card for second caution
- 19 Another word for game
- 21 another word for match
- 22 Last game before final

**Down:**

- 1 To feel you did well
- 2 goalkeepers do this - some outfield players, too!
- 4 To score more than the other team in a match
- 5 Official word for yellow card
- 7 Defender plays close to touchline
- 8 After 45 minutes this happens
- 10 Move quickly
- 12 Players trying to stop attacks
- 15 Opposite of win
- 16 What footballers do
- 18 What you a play with
- 20 Award for winning competition