

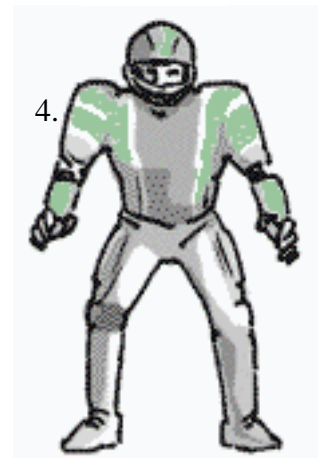


Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Part One: Look at these pictures and match each picture with a word.

- a. flowers
- b. football
- c. football player
- d. police



Part Two: Today's lesson is about football and football players. Work in pairs.

Match these words with their meanings. (Use your dictionary to help you.)

Words	Meanings
a. the final	1. you play in the final game
b. to make the final	2. a group of people who play a sport together against another group
c. a team	3. the last game in a competition to decide who wins
d. fan	4. to not hit something
e. to miss	5. a person who likes a sport very much

B: Discussion

Answer these questions about sport in small groups.

1. Do you like playing sport?
2. Are you a fan of a sport? If yes, what sport?
3. What sports do people like in your country?
4. If a team loses, what do the team's fans do?
5. Today you are reading about a football player. He **missed a kick**. What do you think his fans did?

Reading Activities

A: Comprehension

Read part of today's article and find the answers to these questions.

1. What is the football player's name?
2. Where does he play?
3. What is his team?
4. What did he miss?

Paul McCallum plays in the Saskatchewan Roughriders football league team. He missed a kick in a game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders did not make the Canadian Football League final because he missed the kick.

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B: Ordering Answers

Read another part of the article. Read the questions. Put the words in the answers in the correct order.

Some fans were very angry. One angry fan threw eggs at McCallum's house. A man wants to burn down his house.

Some fans were sorry for McCallum. They are sending him flowers.

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1. How did some fans feel?

angry / They / were

Answer: _____

2. What did one fan do?

McCallum's / threw / The / fan / eggs / at / house

Answer: _____

3. What does one man want to do?

house / He / wants to / burn down / McCallum's

Answer: _____

4. What are some fans sending McCallum?

flowers / sending / They / are / him

Answer: _____

C: Understanding The Main Idea

Read more of today's article and answer the question below.

A Canadian Football league player says he doesn't want more flowers...

"...Please stop sending flowers..." McCallum said on CBC television. "My house is turning into a florist's shop."...

Words:

turning - making something different

florist - a shop that sells flowers

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Does McCallum want more flowers? Yes / No

D: Ordering Events

Read today's article. Put these events in the correct order. (One is done for you as an example.)

- a. Fans sent McCallum flowers.
- b. McCallum missed a kick in the game.
- c. An angry fan threw eggs at McCallum's house.
- d. The Saskatchewan Roughriders did not get into the League final.
- e. McCallum talks on CBC television.
- f. He asks fans to stop sending him flowers.
- g. The Saskatchewan Roughriders played a game.

1. 2. **b** 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.



No More Flowers

WINNIPEG, Manitoba Thu Nov 18 (Reuters) - A Canadian Football league player says he doesn't want more flowers.

Paul McCallum plays in the Saskatchewan Roughriders football league team. He missed a kick in a game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders did not make the Canadian Football League final because he missed the kick.

Some fans were very angry. One angry fan threw eggs at McCallum's house. A man wants to burn down his house.

Some fans were sorry for McCallum. They are sending him flowers.

"...Please stop sending flowers..." McCallum said on CBC television. "My house is turning into a florist's shop."

Police are still looking for the fan who threw the eggs.

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E: True or False

Read today's article again. Decide whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Paul McCallum is a Canadian football league player.
2. The Saskatchewan Roughriders played in the League final.
3. McCallum played in the League final.
4. The fan who threw eggs was angry.
5. Fans sent eggs to McCallum.
6. McCallum is a florist.
7. McCallum wants fans to send him flowers.
8. Police found the fan who threw the eggs.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

Answer these questions in pairs.

1. Do you throw eggs when you are angry?
2. Do you send flowers? If you do, when?
3. What do you do when you are angry?
4. What do you do when you are sorry for someone?
5. How do you feel about the angry Saskatchewan fans?

B: Language

1. Read this: *Police are looking for the fan who threw the eggs.* What does this mean?

- a. *Police found the fan who threw the eggs.*
- or
- b. *Police have not found the fan.*

The **present continuous** tense (*am, is, are + verb+-ing*) talks about something happening **now**:
*Police **are looking** for the fan now.*

2. Find two other examples of this tense in today's article.

3. What are you doing now? Choose the correct answer for each question.

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| i. Where are you now?
a. <i>I am sitting in my chair.</i>
b. <i>I am lying on the floor.</i> | iii. What is your teacher doing now?
a. <i>He / she is reading the newspaper.</i>
b. <i>He / she is helping us answer the questions.</i> |
| ii. What are you doing now?
a. <i>I am doing this lesson.</i>
b. <i>I do lessons every day.</i> | iv. What are other students doing now?
a. <i>They do their homework.</i>
b. <i>They are answering the questions.</i> |



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary - Answers

Part One: a. 2, b. 3, c. 4, d. 1.

Part Two: a. 3, b. 1, c. 2, d. 5, e. 4.

B: Discussion - Notes

Remove question 3 if you have students from the same country; perhaps instead ask them which sportsplayers are most famous in their country. For question 4, you may like to add a little input: ask students what they do if their team loses and what sometimes happens when teams lose (fans might fight, riot etc). For question 5, demonstrate 'miss a kick' if necessary.

Reading Activities

A: Comprehension - Notes

When students have answered the questions, you may like to check that they understand the significance of McCallum's missed kick. Ask them why his team did not make the final. You may then like to help them predict the next part of the article by asking them what they might do in this situation if they were fans of his team.

A: Comprehension - Answers

1. Paul McCallum, 2. in Canada, 3. the Saskatchewan Roughriders, 4. a kick.

B: Ordering Answers - Answer

1. They were angry.
2. The fan threw eggs at McCallum's house.
3. He wants to burn down McCallum's house.
4. They are sending him flowers.

C: Understanding The Main Idea - Notes

You may like to point out what 'more' flowers means. He was probably quite happy to get flowers: but now he has enough.

C: Understanding The Main Idea - Answer

No.

D: Ordering Events - Answer

1. g, 2. b, 3. d, 4. c, 5. a, 6. e, 7. f.

E: True Or False - Answers

1. T, 2. F (They did not get into the final because McCallum missed a kick), 3. F (see 2.) 4. T, 5. F (They sent him flowers.), 6. F (His house looks like a florist's shop), 7. F (He wants them to stop sending him flowers.), 8. F (They are still looking for him).

Post-Reading Activities

B: Language - Answers

1. b, 2. They are sending him flowers. "My house is turning into a florist's shop." 3. i.a., ii. a., iii. b, iv. b.

