



# QUICK COMPREHENSION - GOALBALL



Goalball is a team sport for people who are blind or visually impaired. The game is played using a ball that has eight holes, allowing players to hear bells inside the ball when it moves. Goalball is played in over 100 countries, making it one of the most popular Paralympic sports around the world. Players need to have lightning reactions to block balls that can be travelling at up to 60 kilometres per hour! Teams of 6 players (with 3 on court), throw the ball past opponents into the net to score points. All athletes wear blackout masks or 'eyeshades', to make it an equal match. Spectators at a Goalball match must remain quiet during play so that players can hear the ball. However, they are free to cheer when a goal is scored!



**Five W's** - Write the correct answer in the box.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Who is Goalball for?                          |  |
| How do players know where the ball is?        |  |
| How fast can the ball travel?                 |  |
| What do players wear to make it fair for all? |  |

**Matching** - Draw lines to join the information.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Players on a Goalball team             | over 100 |
| Number of countries that play Goalball | 8        |
| Number of holes in a Goalball          | 6        |

**True or False** - Write T (True) or F (False).

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|---|--|
| 6 players are on court during play.                       |  |
| The Goalball has bells inside.                            |  |
| The ball is kicked to score a goal.                       |  |
| Spectators must remain silent throughout the whole match. |  |

**Fill in the Gap** - Write the missing word from the text.

Goalball is a team sport for people who are \_\_\_\_\_ or visually impaired.

Goalball is played in \_\_\_\_ 100 countries, making it one of the most popular Paralympic sports around the world.

Teams of 6 players (with 3 on court), \_\_\_\_\_ the ball past opponents into the net to score points.

All athletes wear blackout \_\_\_\_\_ or 'eyeshades', to make it an equal match.

**Multiple Choice** - How many players are in a Goalball team? (Circle the correct answer)





**Sequence in Order** - In what order do these appear in the text? (Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the smaller boxes)









**Circle the Word** - Circle the word that means to stay in the same place or in the same condition.

Spectators at a Goalball match must remain quiet during play so that players can hear the ball.

**Find and Copy** - Write the words that suggest the players need to move quickly.

Players need to have lightning reactions to block balls that can be travelling at up to 60 kilometres per hour!



# QUICK COMPREHENSION - ANSWERS



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**Five W's** - Write the correct answer in the box.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Who is Goalball for?                          | People who are blind or visually impaired |
| How do players know where the ball is?        | There is a bell inside it                 |
| How fast can the ball travel?                 | Up to 60 km per hour                      |
| What do players wear to make it fair for all? | eyeshades/blackout masks                  |

**Matching** - Draw lines to join the information.

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| Players on a Goalball team             | over 100 |
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**True or False** - Write T (True) or F (False).

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 6 players are on court during play.                       | F |
| The Goalball has bells inside.                            | T |
| The ball is kicked to score a goal.                       | F |
| Spectators must remain silent throughout the whole match. | F |

**Fill in the Gap** - Write the missing word from the text.

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| Goalball is a team sport for people who are <b>blind</b> or visually impaired.   |
| Goalball is played in <b>over</b> 100 countries, making it one of the most popular Paralympic sports around the world. |
| Teams of 6 players (with 3 on court), <b>throw</b> the ball past opponents into the net to score points.               |
| All athletes wear blackout <b>masks</b> or 'eyeshades', to make it an equal match.                                     |

**Multiple Choice** - How many players are in a Goalball team? (Circle the correct answer)

6

3

100

60

**Sequence in Order** In what order do these appear in the text? (Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the smaller boxes)

bells

2

impaired

1

reactions

3

cheer

4

**Circle the Word** - Circle the word that means to stay in the same place or in the same condition.

Spectators at a Goalball match must **remain** quiet during play so that players can hear the ball.

**Find and Copy** - Write the words that suggest the players need to move quickly.

Players need to have **lightning reactions** to block balls that can be travelling at up to 60 kilometres per hour!

**lightning reactions**