**100 years of football Form 7**

One hundred years ago, the footballer was an **amateur**. This meant that he did no training and got no money for playing football. The players worked during the week and played the match in the public park on Saturday. Playing time was ninety minutes. If you couldn`t play to the end of the game, you lost your place in the team.

Football was a game for gentlemen. There were no **fouls** in football at that time. The game was the thing – winning was not important.

Nowadays in Great Britain football is great business. Professional footballers often start as junior players at a local club during their early teenage years. If they are good, the club will invite them as players. Clubs spend a lot of money on training good players. By the time a boy is 20, he may be playing in **a first division team** and **be ‘worth’** millions of pounds. The club pays all clothing and travel **expenses**. Training is hard and club doctors take care of the players. A player in Great Britain is **valuable property**!