

Directions: Danny is writing a story about a football game he attended for an English assignment. Help him fill in the missing words to complete the assignment.

I was ten years old when my father woke me up early to head to the big game. I was so excited to watch the rival game between the Cowboys and Redskins. Dad always had _____ (*encroachment, fixtures, travail*) hanging in his office to let him know when his favorite teams would be in the area. Dad had played football in high school and loved the comradery of the team and the challenge each game created. He spoke of my _____ (*athleticism, blind side, alley*) with a stocky build and a spirit that never gave up. When we arrived, we found our seats _____ (*fundamentals, decoy, downfield*) of his team. As we waited, watching fans fill the stadium, he discussed the _____ (*fundamentals, blitz, pursuit*) of the game, explaining I needed to know the basics before I joined a team. He explained he had played left tackle and his job was to protect the _____ (*encroachment, alley, blind side*) of the quarterback.

Finally, the teams ran onto the field to screaming fans. Each team formed a round _____ (*formation, huddle, fixtures*) to discuss their first play. Then, they ran onto the field to get into _____ (*fixtures, downfield, formation*). The first play had people on their feet with the Cowboys gaining nearly 30 yards. This was going to be an intense game. On the fourth down, a _____ (*fumble, agilities, decoy*) caused them to lose control of the ball and the game just intensified.

It was a wonderful game with players showing off their _____ (*encroachment, agilities, formation*) in amazing ways, but what I remember most is spending time with my dad, having fun, and watching a game we both truly love.





Answer Key

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fixtures

athleticism

downfield

fundamentals

blind side

huddle

formation

fumble

agilities