

**Directions:** Elise is writing an article about a soccer game she attended. Help her fill in the missing words to complete the assignment.

The game between the Dragons and the Bulldogs promised to be intense. The rival teams are both top contenders for the championships this year. In fact, both have been \_\_\_\_\_ (*breakaway, streamlined, heralded*) as likely winners by sports enthusiasts. Both coaches have built up \_\_\_\_\_ (*momentum, sweeper, plyometrics*) this year with some of the best players in the league. The Bulldogs have a \_\_\_\_\_ (*sweeper, outswinger, shielding*) that is large for his age, but an excellent agile player. The Dragons have a goalie that rarely allows a point to be scored. We are in for a great game!

As the game began, the \_\_\_\_\_ (*instep, pace, breakaway*) was steady. Players raced up and down the field, neither scoring at first. The Dragons' \_\_\_\_\_ (*heralded, outswinger, defender*) seemed to stop every forward move until suddenly, a \_\_\_\_\_ (*breakaway, outswinger, momentum*) by the Bulldogs began \_\_\_\_\_ (*whetting, momentum, sweeper*) the appetite the crowd had for intense game play. The ball was quickly passed back and forth and a potentially scoring shot was taken. Unfortunately, it was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (*defender, outswinger, pace*) that went out of bounds.

This back and forth play continued the entire match and the final score was low, 3 to 2, with the Dragons taking the match for a win. The rivalry will continue, probably for years and I can almost guarantee that it will always be exciting.





**Answer Key**

**Worksheet 3**

heralded

momentum

sweeper

pace

defender

breakaway

whetting

outswinger