

Directions: Dakota is trying to explain some basics about hockey for an English assignment. Help him fill in the missing words to complete the assignment.

Hockey is a very physically intensive sport, but it is also very mental because a big part of being a hockey player is to intimidate the other team's players. Sometimes, teams do this through one "thug" type player known as the _____ (*defenseman, enforcer, breakaway*), but this usually ends in a _____ (*penalty, checking, playoff*) when the player goes into action. This limits game play for that player if they are fond of _____ (*rebound, backchecking, clipping*) that can cause injury to the lower leg and knee.

The violent players are not the only ones that are important in hockey. The _____ (*defenseman, bandied, misconduct*), of which there are normally six on a hockey team, has to be highly skilled in defending the _____ (*penalty, nifty, puck*) whether it comes into play after a _____ (*rebound, body checking, exhilarating*) or they need to stop a goal when someone manages a _____ (*boards, breakaway, playoff*). Many defensemen are great at using an intimidating move from behind another player that is known as _____ (*backchecking, body checking, clipping*).

If you get to attend a hockey game, whether you understand each play or not, it will be _____ (*bandied, exhilarating, nifty*). If you ever get the chance to attend a _____ (*playoff, boards, rebound*) game, expect an intensity that does not let up at all. Hockey teams have strong rivalries on and off the ice which is what makes it so exciting. I hope you will give the sport a chance.





Answer Key

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enforcer

penalty

clipping

defenseman

puck

rebound

breakaway

backchecking

exhilarating

playoff