

## American Football

1. **defensive** [Adjective]

Sentence: Catching a ball is a defensive play in baseball because it keeps the other team from scoring.

Definition: relating to action intended to keep an opposing team from scoring

2. **end zone** [Noun]

Sentence: The team scored when their player ran into the end zone with the football.

Definition: the area at the end of an American football field between the goal line and the end line

3. **kickoff** [Noun]

Sentence: They impatiently waited for the kickoff to start the soccer game.

Definition: the kick of a ball that starts play in a sport, such as soccer and American football

4. **offensive line** [Noun]

Sentence: In a football game, the offensive line blocks the defense.

Definition: part of a football team that blocks the defense so the ball carrier can score

5. **quarterback** [Noun] quar•ter•back

Sentence: The quarterback in a football game is responsible for calling plays in the huddle.

Definition: the player in a football game who signals plays and throws the ball

6. **wide receiver** [Noun]

Sentence: The wide receiver caught the pass in the end zone for a touchdown.

Definition: the player in a football game whose primary job is to catch the ball from the quarterback and run with it

**defensive**  
(adjective)

1. The soccer team made a **defensive** play to try to keep their opponent from scoring a goal.
2. When one baseball team is batting, the other team plays **defensive** positions.
3. The **defensive** football player caused the other team's offensive player to drop the ball.

**end zone**  
(noun)

1. The quarterback threw the football too far, over the **end zone** and past the end line.
2. Players work hard to get the ball into the **end zone** area of the American football field.
3. When a player runs the football into the **end zone**, the team scores a touchdown.

**kickoff**  
(noun)

1. The soccer game began with a **kickoff**.
2. The kicker on our football team takes every **kickoff** very seriously.
3. During the **kickoff**, the football didn't go as far down the field as the kicker wanted.

## offensive line

(noun)

1. The **offensive line** consists of five players whose job is to block the defense and clear the way for runners on their own team.
2. The quarterback stands behind the center of the **offensive line** to receive the ball.
3. Except for the center, who passes the ball to the quarterback, members of the **offensive line** rarely handle the ball.

## quarterback

(noun)

1. A **quarterback** is the leader of the offense on a football team.
2. It is the **quarterback's** job to call plays in the huddle and to throw passes.
3. Being a **quarterback** is an important role on a football team because he or she is involved in almost every offensive play.

## wide receiver

(noun)

1. The **wide receiver** caught the ball and ran quickly down the field.
2. The quarterback practiced passing the football to each **wide receiver**.
3. They want to choose a fast runner to play **wide receiver** in their football game.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Record a vocabulary word in each word box. Then write a synonym and an antonym, draw a picture, and define each word. Use each word in a sentence on the back of this worksheet.

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Picture

\_\_\_\_\_

Synonym

\_\_\_\_\_

Antonym

Definition \_\_\_\_\_

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**end meal goal baseball professional band**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then use the words in the word box to complete the second pair of words.

1. Kickoff is to *sports game* ...as... appetizer is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. End zone is to *touchdown* ...as... net is to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Defensive is to *offensive* ...as... begin is to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Offensive line is to *defensive line* ...as... amateur is to \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. Quarterback is to *football* ...as... pitcher is to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Wide receiver is to *football team* ...as... drummer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>offensive line</b>	<b>end zone</b>	

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ caught the pass in the end zone for a touchdown.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ in a football game is responsible for calling plays in the huddle.

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A **compound word** is a combination of two or more words that are joined to form a new word. There are three types of compounds: **closed compounds** (*sundial, sideline*); **hyphenated compounds** (*city? "state, warm? "blooded*); and **open compounds** (*sign language, sea level*).

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw lines to connect the words that combine to make a compound word. Write the compound word in the space provided.

**wide****zone**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

**kick****off**

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

**quarter****back**

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**end****receiver**

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

Use each compound word in a sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

Write three other compound words.

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use what you know about the vocabulary words to complete the following sentences.

1. The **end zone** area of a football field is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In football, the job of the **quarterback** is to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A **wide receiver** needs to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Fans are eager for the **kickoff** because \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The job of the **offensive line** in a football game is to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The players on a football team's **defensive** line try to \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. The football team's defensive strategy kept \_\_\_\_\_ from getting a touchdown.  
 (a) their team  
 (b) the opposing team  
 (c) the referee
2. The end zone is a special area on a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) basketball court  
 (b) football field  
 (c) baseball field
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ game always begins with a kickoff.  
 (a) soccer  
 (b) basketball  
 (c) hockey
4. The offensive line is made up of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) one player  
 (b) three players  
 (c) five players
5. A quarterback is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of a football team.  
 (a) coaching staff  
 (b) offense  
 (c) defense
6. The wide receiver's primary job is to \_\_\_\_\_ the football.  
 (a) kick  
 (b) pass  
 (c) catch