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

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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?TMs 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.

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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.

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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.

Word	Picture
_____	

_____
Synonym

_____
Antonym

Definition _____

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An **analogy** shows a relationship between two sets of words. The words in the first pair must have the same relationship as the words in the second pair. To complete an analogy with a missing word, you must first discover the relationship between the completed pair. (Example: *Cat is to meow as dog is to bark.*)

end	baseball	professional	band	meal	goal

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. **Defensive** is to *offensive* ...as... **begin** is to _____.
2. **Kickoff** is to *sports game* ...as... **appetizer** is to _____.
3. **End zone** is to *touchdown* ...as... **net** 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 _____.

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end zone	wide receiver	defensive
offensive line	kickoff	quarterback

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. In a football game, the _____ blocks the defense.

2. The team scored when their player ran into the _____ with the football.

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defensive	quarterback	kickoff

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5. The _____ in a football game is responsible for calling plays in the huddle.

6. The _____ caught the pass in the end zone for a touchdown.

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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.

end	**receiver**	1. _____.
quarter	**off**	2. _____.
kick	**zone**	3. _____.
wide	**back**	4. _____.

Use each compound word in a sentence.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

Write three other compound words.

_____ _____ _____

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

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. The baseball player in the outfield made a defensive throw to keep the other team from _____.
   - ⓐ scoring
   - ⓑ cheering
   - ⓒ losing

2. Running with the ball into the end zone is one way to get a _____.
   - ⓐ penalty shot
   - ⓑ new uniform
   - ⓒ touchdown

3. In American football, the _____ is the player responsible for the kickoff.
   - ⓐ quarterback
   - ⓑ kicker
   - ⓒ wide receiver

4. Just behind the offensive line, you will find _____.
   - ⓐ the quarterback
   - ⓑ a wide receiver
   - ⓒ a linebacker

5. A quarterback is _____ position to play in a football game.
   - ⓐ an average
   - ⓑ not a very important
   - ⓒ a very important

6. The wide receiver's primary job is to _____ the football.
   - ⓐ kick
   - ⓑ pass
   - ⓒ catch

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