

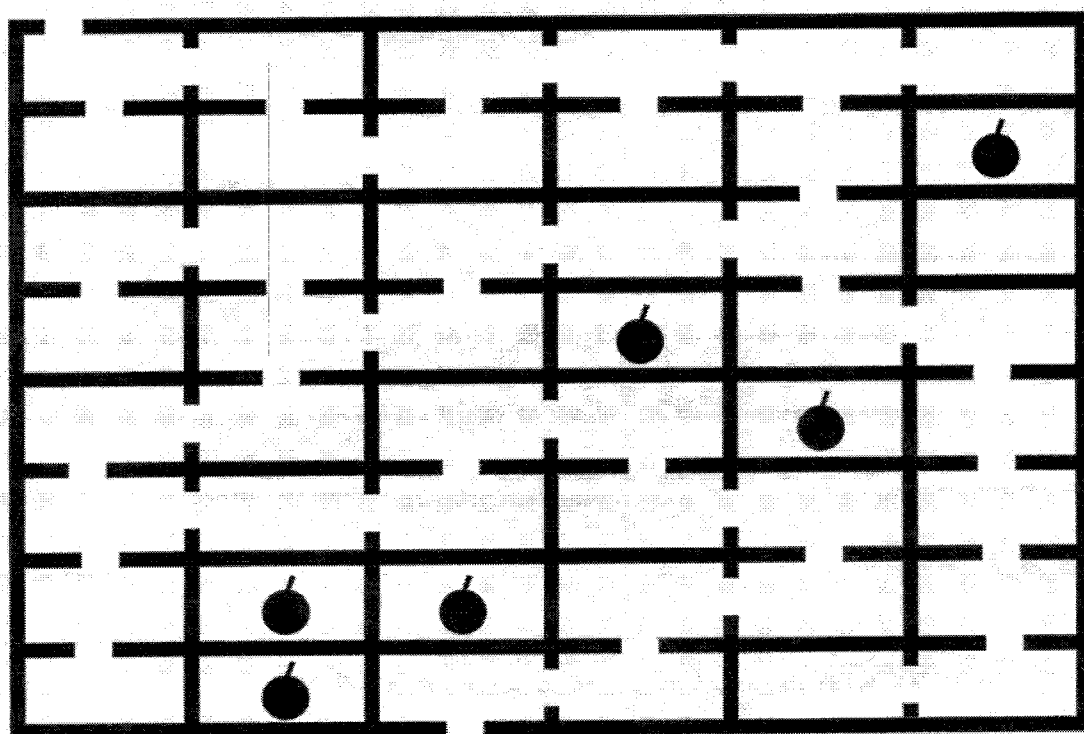
1. Min(e)d Where You Go

Running and dribbling with the ball is an important skill for all players, even the goalkeeper. You have to be careful where you dribble and always try to keep the ball under close control.

See if you can dribble this ball through the gridded minefield. If you enter a grid with no other exit than the one you came in through, one of the mines will explode! An explosion means you are out of it! Finito! So long...until next time.

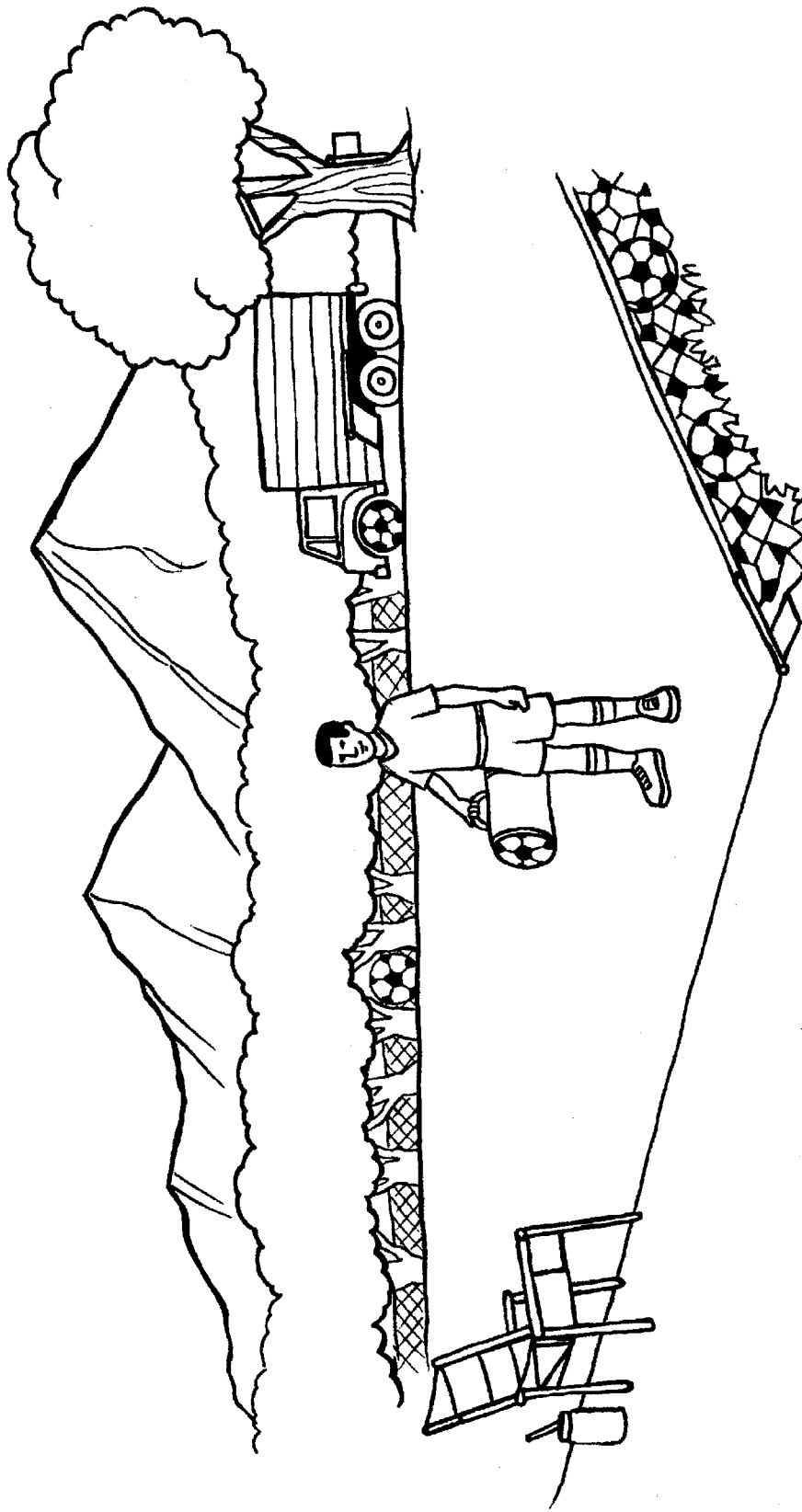
Take care! Good luck. Good dribbling! Don't explode into action!

Think before and during



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2. Find the Equipment



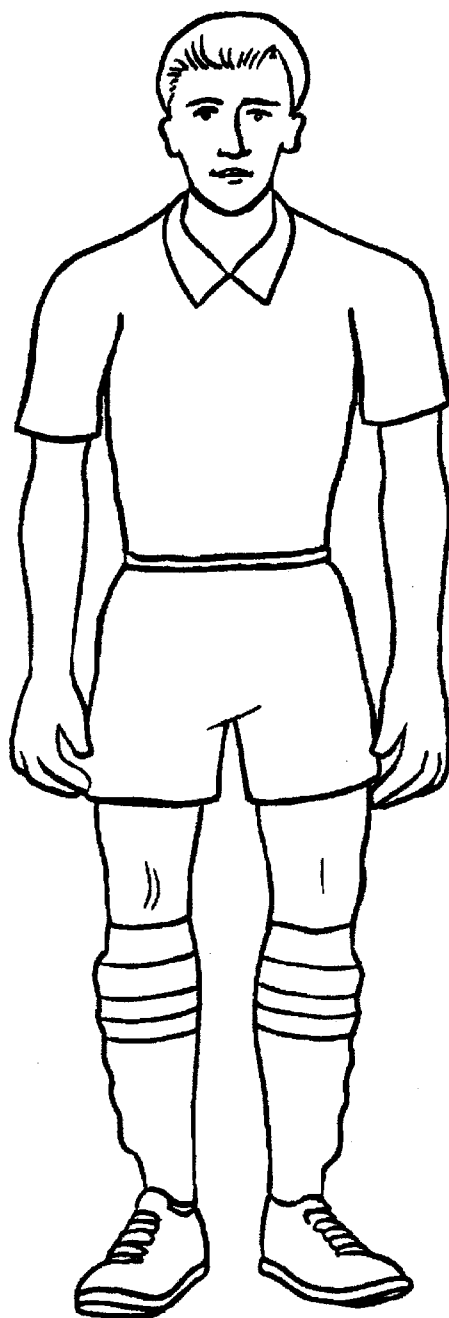
To make sure the practice goes well, the coach needs more equipment than he has, but fortunately more equipment is not far away.

You can help the coach find three cones, five soccer balls and four marker flags.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

3. Designer Man

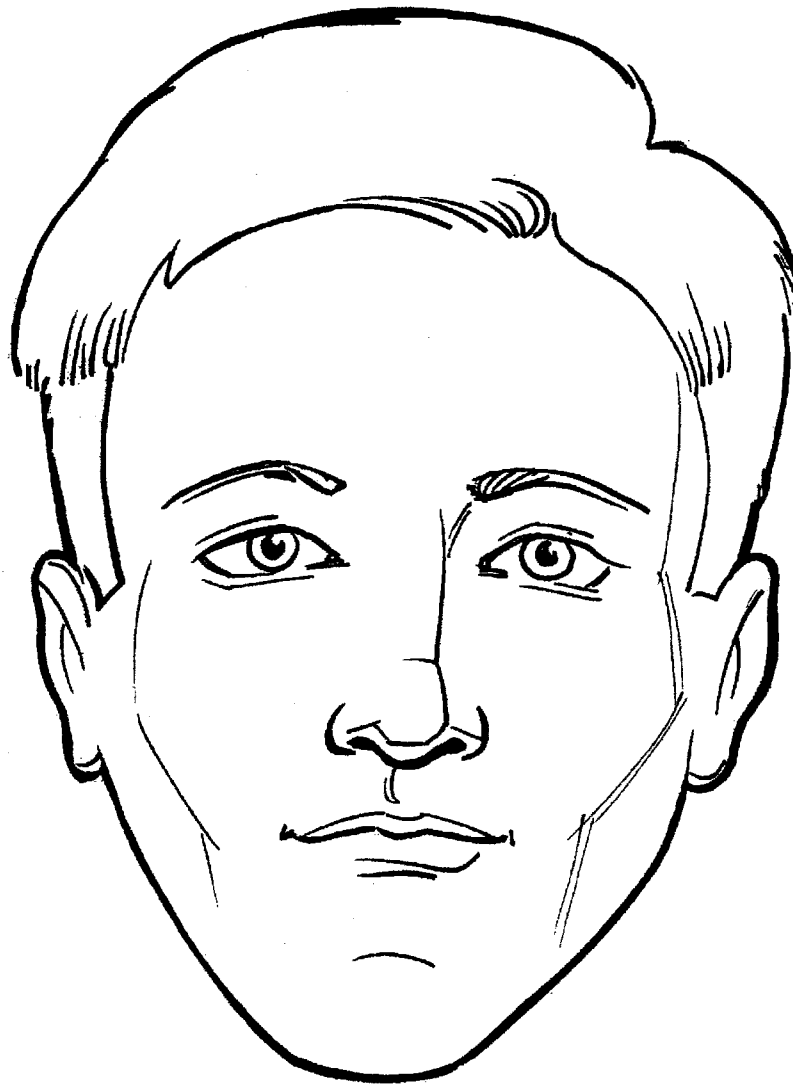
Before fans can get dressed up for the big game, they need to know what the team uniform is going to be today. You design the team uniform. First, give the team a location (e.g. New York, San Diego, Vancouver) and then a team name (e.g. Cheetahs, Snowbirds, Hawks, Jets, etc.). Try to build the team name into the uniform theme.



4. Designer Fan

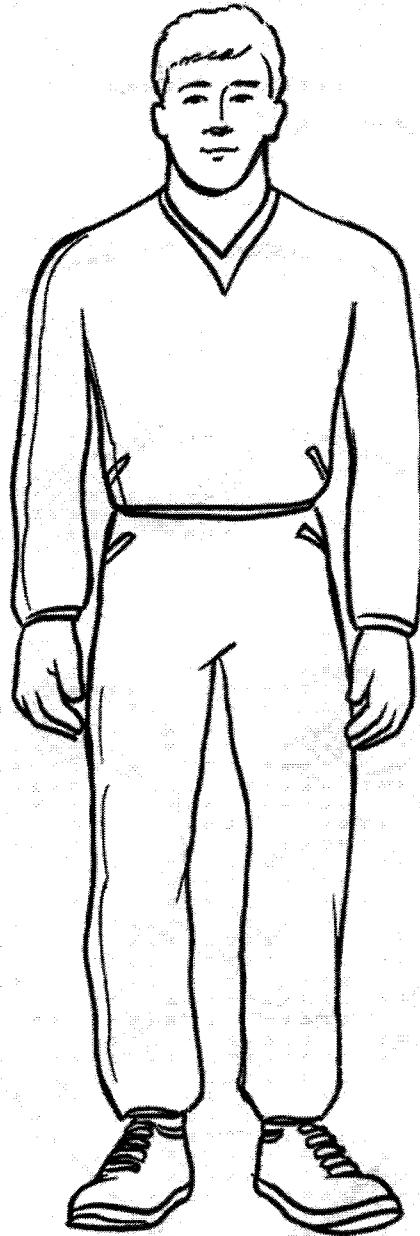
Now the fans can get ready for the game. The final touch comes with the face. As many fans like to paint their faces, help make up the face to show support for the fan's team.

Try to keep close to the team uniform theme and name. You can even tint the hair if you like. Be a noticeable but not "overboard" fan.



5. Today's Keeper

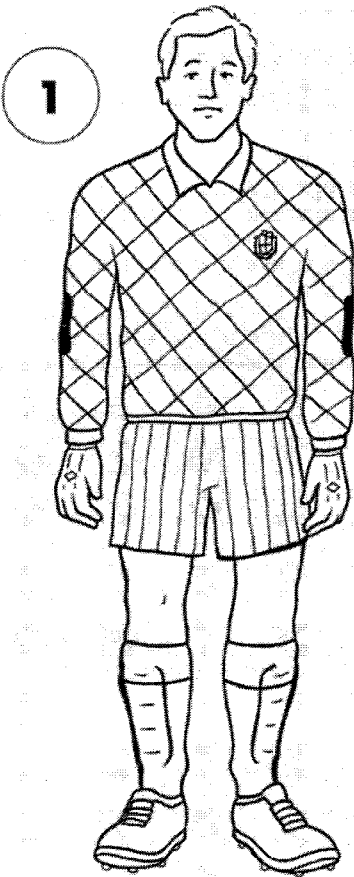
Today's goalkeepers often wear long trousers or track suit bottoms, particularly if the field is hard or the climate is cool. Sometimes, the pants are all one color and do not look COOL.



Design the keeper's uniform to look like it suits a first-class goalkeeper.

6. Spot the Difference

Look at the two goalkeepers. Are they identical? Not really. There are nine differences between what the two are wearing. Can you spot them?



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____



One of the goalkeepers is going to be in trouble with the referee. There are four things the referees will not allow. What are they?

1. _____


2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

7. Soccer Search I

Search in the box for the 15 words listed on the next page.

The words can be found going horizontally 

Diagonally  or vertically. 

When you find a word, circle it in the puzzle and cross it off on the list. This way you can keep track of what you have found.



8. Soccer Search I

Here are the words:

SOCCER
CORNER
SHOOT
SAVE
HOTSHOT
COACH
REFEREE
KEEPER
WHISTLE

FOUL
DRIBBLE
PASS
PLAYER
KICK
FIELD
BALL
POSSESSION
CROSS

DEFENDER
ATTACKER
PENALTY
STRIKER
SWEEPER
FORWARD
WING

Extra! Print (write) the words in alphabetical order.

Extra! Extra! Do “Extra!” showing the syllables for each word...e.g., Soc-cer.
If you can’t show the syllables, which can be quite difficult, try just counting and showing the number.

1.	9.	17.
2.	10.	18.
3.	11.	19.
4.	12.	20.
5.	13.	21.
6.	14.	22.
7.	15.	23.
8.	16.	24.
		25.

9. Penguin Soccer

Of the seven continents of the world, one doesn't have humans living there permanently. As a result there are no schools, cities and no soccer...or maybe the penguins play!

Name the continent _____

Name the other six continents:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



10. Penguin Soccer

1. What are the penguins using as a soccer field? _____
2. Would flying be allowed as a way of passing the ball? _____
3. How many players are on each team?
4. What animals in the surrounding water might get the ball if it went off the field?

5. Can you name some birds that might be able to give a bird's-eye view of the game?

6. Add other animals found in Antarctica to the picture. * Remember to use the ones you gave as answers
to #4 and
#5 _____

Note: You may need some adult help to answer questions 4, 5 and 6.

12. We Are The Champions

Can you name the world-championship countries shown on the map?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Can you name the country that has won the championship five times? * Clue: The world's greatest player of all time is from this country. Use an encyclopedia or the internet if you are having trouble. An almanac or Guinness Book of Records might also help.

Answer _____

EXTRA! EXTRA!

The Women's World Cup started in 1991 in China. The second World Cup was in Sweden in 1995. The next two were in the US. The last was in China again. Can you name the five winners?

1991

1995

1999

2003

2007

16. Recovery

Your goalkeeper has just made a great one-handed ground save, but the ball is not out of play! It has merely deflected wide of the goal. The keeper must get back on his feet and “ready for action” as fast as possible. Look at the four “Recovery” drawings and sequence then to show the required action.

1. The correct sequence is _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____

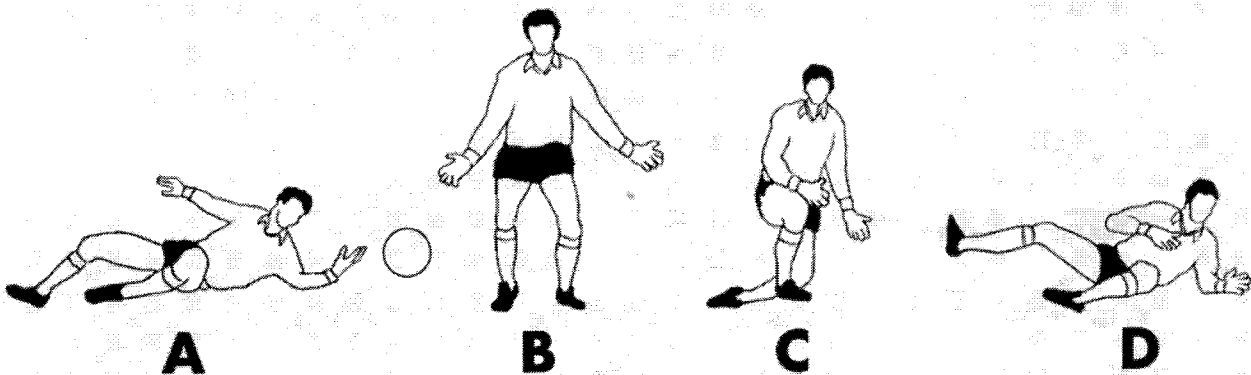
Easy? Perhaps!

Now try answering the following questions:

2. Describe the keeper’s actual body position at the moment of the save. What part of the body is in contact with the ground?

3. How does the keeper assist his fast recovery back onto his feet?

4. Describe the keeper’s body position and shape once he has returned to his “ready for more action” stance.



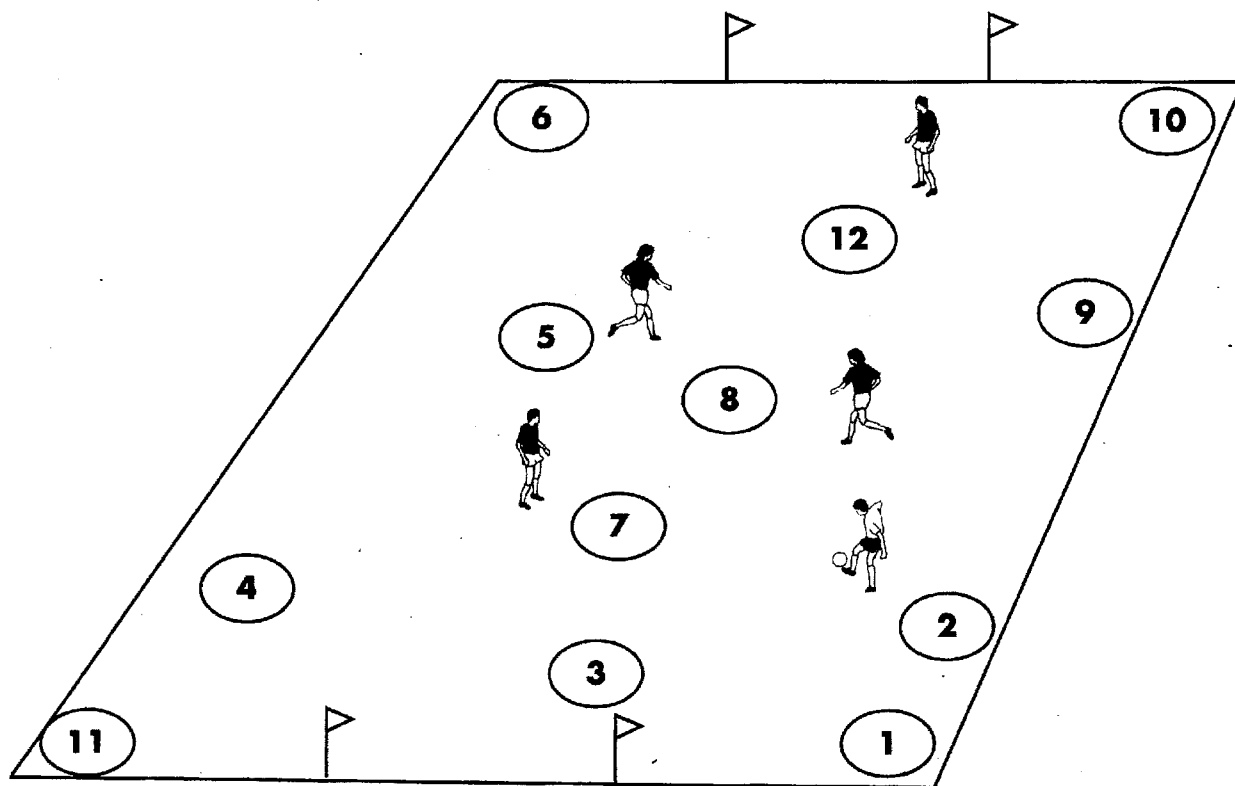
18. The Invisible Players

In this 4 vs. 4 game, the dark-shirted team's players are already positioned to defend against the white-shirted attacker with the ball. Now you have to make the three invisible attackers visible by placing them in three of the 12 numbered spaces.

You can do this by coloring the spaces or by drawing stickmen in the three spaces.

There is no offside in this 4 vs. 4 game, so don't worry about the offside rule.

Remember, there is no perfect answer to this soccer problem, but some of the spaces are better for attacking than others. Think carefully, and try to see how one attacker would be positioned to help another player.



19. Self Evaluation

Don't always leave evaluation to the coach because that's unfair – particularly if you only have practices once or twice a week. Remember that your coach is giving up personal time to help you learn and have fun.

You may be your own best coach by looking at what you do well and not so well. Once you have identified your strengths and weaknesses, you could do some fun practices on your own to help improve.

We've suggested some fun practices for your own "home improvement" in these activity pages. You should also have a look at some of the suggestions in the activity pages for the different age groups.

Look at the self evaluation form printed on this page. Then fill it out. If you are not quite sure how to do this or how you feel about yourself, ask a parent or your coach for their help in making an assessment.

Don't worry about scoring yourself too high or too low! The main thing is to look at your high-scoring skills and recognize that they're an important part of your ability and should continue to be developed.

At the same time, look at your low-scoring areas and see what games and practices there are for you to do on your own – or with a friend – to improve those weak areas.

Evaluate! Plan! Practice!

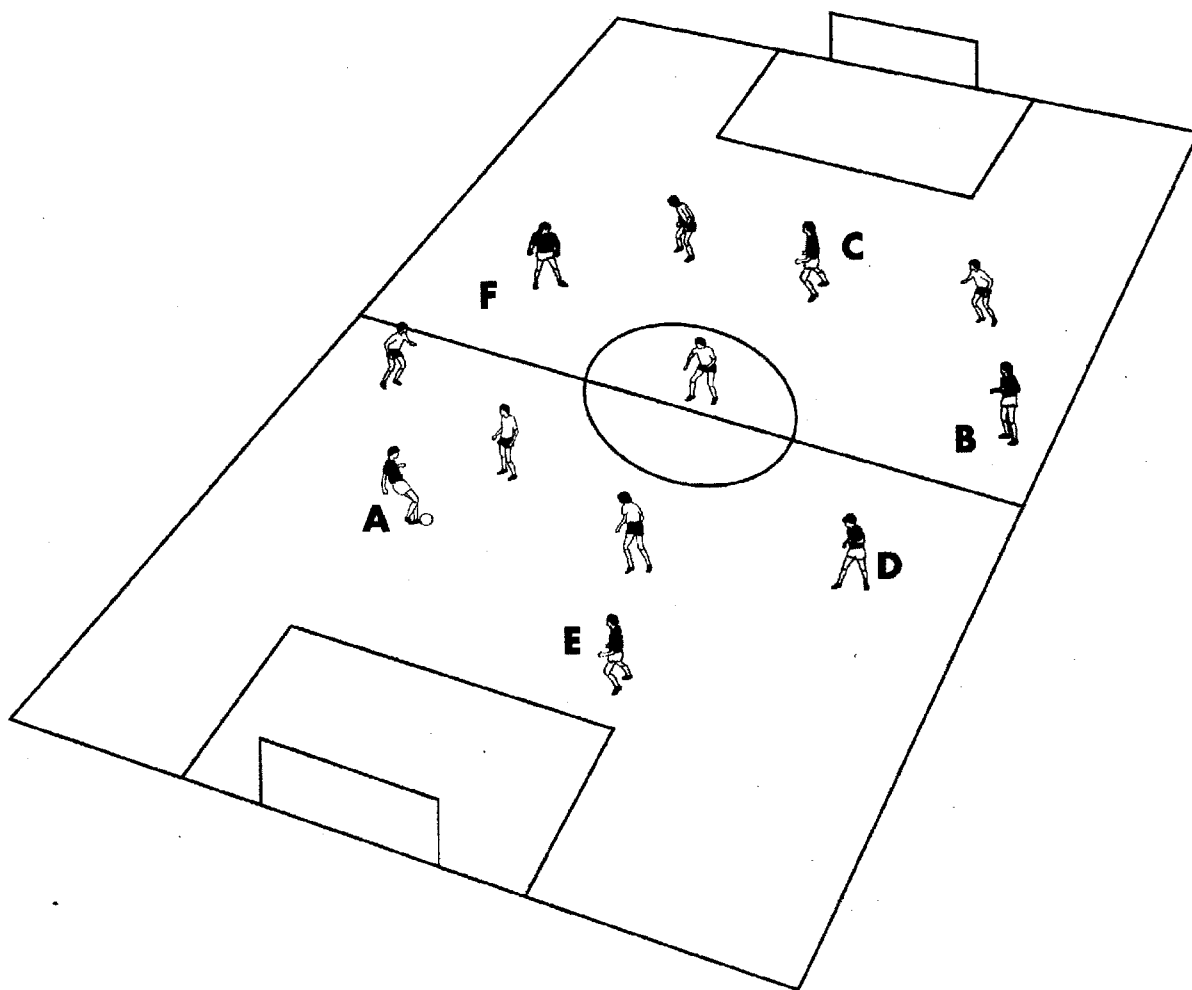
	Needs Attention	Good	Excellent
Left Foot Kicking			
Right Foot Kicking			
Short Passing			
Long Passing			
Ball Control			
Defending Play			
Attacking Play			
Throw-ins			
Goalkeeping			

21. How Many Triangles

Player A has number of different options of where to play the ball.

You know the triangle is an important shape in soccer and that there are many “triangles of play” that can include Player A. For instance, ABC is just one of them.

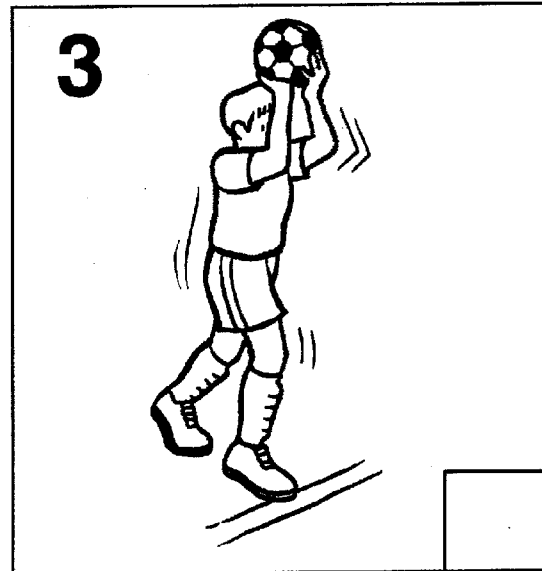
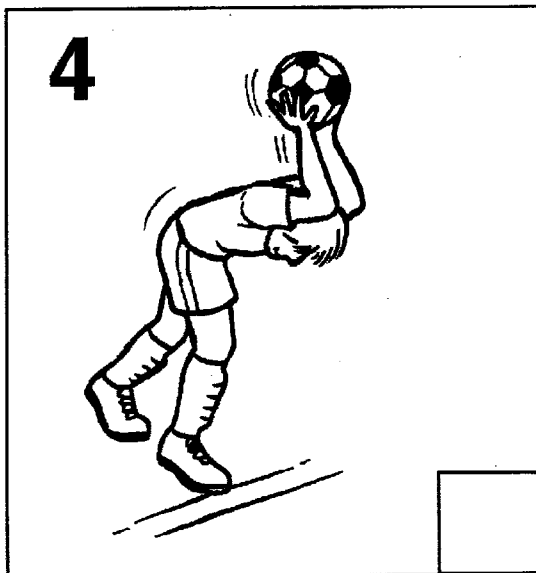
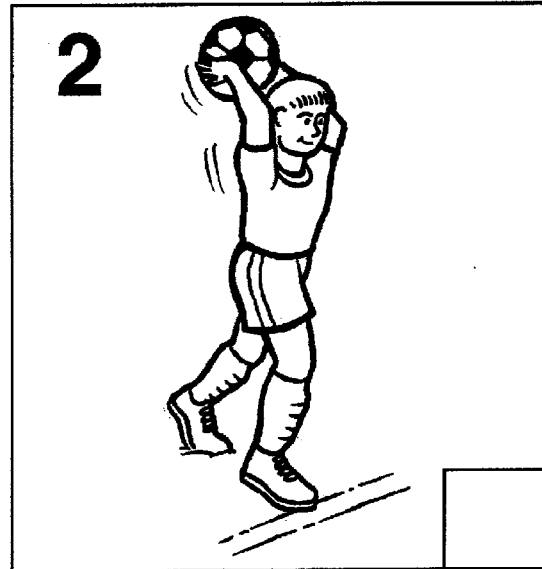
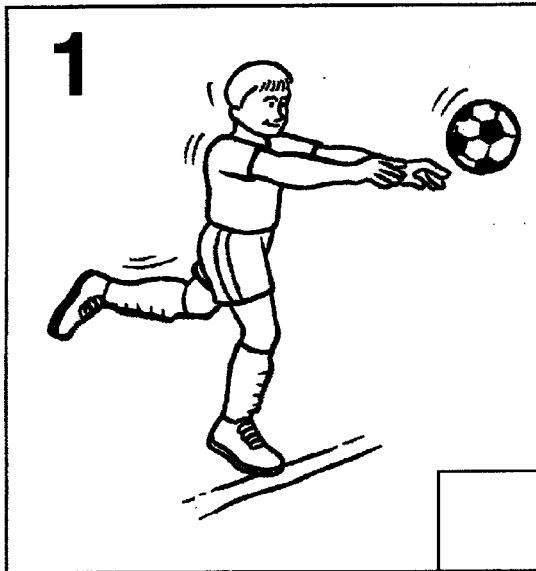
In 3 vs. 3 soccer, there can only be one triangle, but in this 6 vs. 6 game, there can be many more. How many triangles with one's own teammates can there be that include Player A?



23. Foul Throw

Have a look at these four throw-ins. Only one can be correct.

Check the only one that can be correct and "X" the incorrect ones.



Explain what is wrong with the three incorrect drawings.

24. Soccer Search II

Search to find the names of the countries in the column on the right. The words may be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally and may be spelled backwards or forwards.



Words

NIGERIA

SPAIN

GHANA

AUSTRALIA

ARGENTINA

SOUTH KOREA

MEXICO

HUNGARY

ITALY

PORTUGAL

FRANCE

JAPAN

UNITED STATES

TUNISIA

EXTRA!

Categorize the countries into their continents

Europe

Asia

Australia

Africa

South America

North America