



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: BALTIMORE RAVENS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 5.
2. Who do you think is the best player in Baltimore Ravens history? Why?
3. What city did the Ravens move from?
  - A. Indianapolis
  - B. Pittsburgh
  - C. Cleveland
4. Why was the Ravens' 2019 season especially heartbreaking?
  - A. They were great in the regular season but lost right away in the playoffs.
  - B. No one expected them to come close to making the playoffs that season.
  - C. They had just come off winning a Super Bowl title the season before.



5. What does **triumph** mean in the *Baltimore Ravens* book?

*His fifth season ended in **triumph**. The 2012 Ravens made it back to the Super Bowl. They played the San Francisco 49ers. Baltimore won a 34–31 thriller.*

- A. failure
- B. success
- C. boredom

6. What does **weapon** mean in the *Baltimore Ravens* book?

*Kicker Justin Tucker entered the NFL in 2012. Before long, he was a **weapon** no other team could match. In 2021, Tucker booted a field goal from 66 yards out.*

- A. tool
- B. team
- C. defense



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: BALTIMORE RAVENS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: BUFFALO BILLS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas in Chapter 4.
2. Who do you think is the best player in Bills history? Why?
3. Which quarterback led the Bills to two AFL titles?
  - A. Jim Kelly
  - B. Josh Allen
  - C. Jack Kemp
4. Why are Bills fans known for their sportsmanship?
  - A. They have wild parties before games.
  - B. They raise money for other teams' charities.
  - C. They have a bright-blue mascot.



5. What does **durable** mean in the *Buffalo Bills* book?

*“Joe D” was **durable**. In eight seasons with Buffalo, he never missed a game.*

- A. strong and healthy
- B. easy to tackle
- C. very exciting

6. What does **dual-threat** mean in the *Buffalo Bills* book?

*Allen soon became one of the best **dual-threat** quarterbacks in the NFL. He could win games with his strong arm. He could also use his size and speed to run to the ball.*

- A. a quarterback who is good at running and throwing
- B. a quarterback who can throw with either arm
- C. a quarterback who also plays defense



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: BUFFALO BILLS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: CINCINNATI BENGALS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Bengals history? Why?
3. Who led the Bengals to their first Super Bowl?
  - A. Ken Anderson
  - B. Boomer Esiason
  - C. Joe Burrow
4. Why did the Bengals' bad 2019 season turn out to be good for the team?
  - A. The team got to play more games than other teams.
  - B. The team got to select Joe Burrow in the next year's draft.
  - C. The team got to choose which teams it played the next year.



5. What does **rival** mean in the *Cincinnati Bengals* book?

*The Bengals began playing in 1968. They were part of the AFL. This league got started in 1960. It was a **rival** to the NFL.*

- A. a strategy for winning games
- B. a league that isn't popular
- C. a challenger or competitor

6. What does **accurate** mean in the *Cincinnati Bengals* book?

*Anderson was a very **accurate** passer. He led the NFL in completion percentage three times.*

- A. able to throw very far
- B. able to throw on target
- C. able to throw quick passes





## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: CINCINNATI BENGALS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. B



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### NFL TEAMS: CLEVELAND BROWNS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Browns history? Why?
3. Which player led the Browns to 10 straight title games from 1946 to 1955?
  - A. Jim Brown
  - B. Otto Graham
  - C. Brian Sipe
4. Why do many Browns fans consider the Ravens their biggest rival?
  - A. Cleveland and Baltimore are very close to each other.
  - B. The two teams have been playing each other for nearly 100 years.
  - C. Browns fans blame Baltimore for taking their team in the 1990s.



5. What does **rowdy** mean in the *Cleveland Browns* book?

*The fans there are known for being **rowdy**. Some dress up like dogs. After big plays, they chant, “Woof, woof, woof!”*

- A. quiet, dull, and bored
- B. smart, funny, and polite
- C. loud, wild, and excited

6. What does **drought** mean in the *Cleveland Browns* book?

*He helped turn the team around. The Browns went 11–5 that season. They also ended their long playoff **drought**.*

- A. a long period without success
- B. a long period with great success
- C. a long period with the same players



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: CLEVELAND BROWNS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: DALLAS COWBOYS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Cowboys history? Why?
3. When did the Cowboys play their first NFL season?
  - A. 1960
  - B. 1966
  - C. 1971
4. Why was the Cowboys' first Super Bowl known as the "Blunder Bowl"?
  - A. because the Cowboys had a great quarterback
  - B. because the Cowboys won easily
  - C. because the Cowboys made many mistakes



5. What does **versatile** mean in the *Dallas Cowboys* book?

*Lilly was also **versatile**. He could stop the run. And he was great at rushing the passer.*

- A. very fast but not strong
- B. able to do several things well
- C. good at only one thing

6. What does **physical** mean in the *Dallas Cowboys* book?

*Smith was a powerful runner. His **physical** style helped him pile up yards.*

- A. involving games that have lots of rules
- B. involving players who aren't good at running
- C. involving speed, strength, or quick movements



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: DALLAS COWBOYS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: DETROIT LIONS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Lions history? Why?
3. Who did Detroit beat to win the 1953 title?
  - A. Dallas Cowboys
  - B. Green Bay Packers
  - C. Cleveland Browns
4. What skill made Barry Sanders such a great running back?
  - A. He was an excellent receiver who ran great routes.
  - B. He could change direction quickly to get away from defenders.
  - C. He used his large size to plow through defenders.





5. What does **dynasty** mean in the *Detroit Lions* book?

*The 1950s were glory days in Detroit. The Lions became a **dynasty**. They won the NFL title in 1952 and 1953.*

- A. a team that has a long period of success and wins several titles
- B. a team that has never won a championship
- C. a league with several teams that play one another

6. What does **special teams** mean in the *Detroit Lions* book?

*He also made a big impact on **special teams**. Lary was one of the greatest punters in NFL history.*

- A. players on the field during kicks and punts
- B. players who win lots of championships
- C. players known for making long passes



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: DETROIT LIONS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A





5. What does **maintain** mean in the *Green Bay Packers* book?

*He helped **maintain** the team's winning ways. In the 2010 season, the Packers won their fourth Super Bowl.*

- A. to bring something to an end
- B. to keep something going
- C. to make something harder

6. What does **knack** mean in the *Green Bay Packers* book?

*Matthews had a **knack** for getting to the quarterback. He recorded 83.5 sacks with the Packers.*

- A. skill or talent
- B. no talent
- C. amount of time



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: GREEN BAY PACKERS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A





5. What does **repeated** mean in the *Houston Texans* book?

*The Texans won their first division title in 2011. They **repeated** as division champions the next season.*

- A. failed to win a game
- B. joined a new league
- C. did something again

6. What does **veteran** mean in the *Houston Texans* book?

*Aaron Glenn was a **veteran** leader on the first Texans team. The cornerback had spent eight seasons with the New York Jets.*

- A. a person who defends passes
- B. a person who is new to a sport
- C. a person with lots of experience



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: HOUSTON TEXANS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C





# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Jacksonville Jaguars history? Why?
3. Which quarterback replaced Mark Brunell as the Jaguars' starter?
  - A. Blake Bortles
  - B. Trevor Lawrence
  - C. Byron Leftwich
4. Why was it a huge upset when the Jaguars beat the Denver Broncos in the 1996 playoffs?
  - A. The Broncos were considered a much better team.
  - B. The Jaguars didn't have a healthy quarterback.
  - C. The Jaguars and Broncos had a long rivalry.



5. What does **dashed** mean in the *Jacksonville Jaguars* book?

*But the next week, the Jaguars' Super Bowl dreams were **dashed**. They lost in the conference title game.*

- A. improved
- B. ruined
- C. ignored

6. What does **fixture** mean in the *Jacksonville Jaguars* book?

*Taylor was a **fixture** in the backfield for 10 years. He rushed for at least 1,000 yards in seven seasons.*

- A. big problem
- B. steady player
- C. short-lived star



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Chiefs history? Why?
3. Which quarterback led the Chiefs to their first Super Bowl victory?
  - A. Len Dawson
  - B. Joe Montana
  - C. Patrick Mahomes
4. Why might opposing quarterbacks find it difficult to play at Arrowhead Stadium?
  - A. The crowd's noise makes it hard to hear.
  - B. The red decorations make it hard to see.
  - C. The long grass makes it hard to run.



5. What does **slump** mean in the *Kansas City Chiefs* book?

*The Chiefs reached the playoffs in 1971. But then they went through a big **slump**. In the next 14 years, they had just three winning seasons.*

- A. an easy win over a bad team
- B. a hard tackle that hurts a player
- C. a period of struggle

6. What does **legacy** mean in the *Kansas City Chiefs* book?

*Thomas was just 33 years old. But he left behind a huge **legacy**. He piled up 126.5 sacks in his 11-year career.*

- A. how quickly a person can run
- B. something a person is known for
- C. the number of years a person lives



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Raiders history? Why?
3. Which quarterback led the Raiders to two Super Bowl wins?
  - A. Ken Stabler
  - B. Jim Plunkett
  - C. Derek Carr
4. What is the main reason the Raiders have moved to different cities?
  - A. The team wanted better players.
  - B. The team wanted better stadiums.
  - C. The team wanted better weather.



5. What does **lure** mean in the *Las Vegas Raiders* book?

*Both teams played there from 1968 to 1981. A giant upper deck was added in 1995. It helped **lure** the Raiders back.*

- A. to make someone want to give up
- B. to make someone want to move closer
- C. to make someone want to move away

6. What does **clinch** mean in the *Las Vegas Raiders* book?

*The winner would **clinch** the final spot in the playoffs. The loser would be done for the season.*

- A. to lose
- B. to forget
- C. to earn





## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: LAS VEGAS RAIDERS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: MIAMI DOLPHINS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Dolphins history? Why?
3. Who led the No-Name Defense?
  - A. Jason Taylor
  - B. Dan Marino
  - C. Nick Buoniconti
4. Why was the Dolphins' 2018 win over the New England Patriots so shocking?
  - A. They won without scoring a touchdown.
  - B. They hadn't won a game yet that season.
  - C. They scored a long touchdown at the last moment.



5. What does **retired** mean in the *Miami Dolphins* book?

*Then they lost many stars. Some **retired**. Others moved on to different teams.*

- A. changed positions
- B. ended their careers
- C. signed long contracts

6. What does **veteran** mean in the *Miami Dolphins* book?

*The linebacker was already a seven-year **veteran**. This experience made him the leader of the No-Name Defense.*

- A. someone who cannot play a game
- B. someone who is new to the game
- C. someone who has played for a long time



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: MIAMI DOLPHINS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. C



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: MINNESOTA VIKINGS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Vikings history? Why?
3. When did Bud Grant become head coach?
  - A. 1961
  - B. 1967
  - C. 1998
4. Why did the Vikings play outdoors for two years in the 2010s?
  - A. The team's fans would be louder if games were outside.
  - B. The team's new indoor stadium was being built.
  - C. The team thought opposing players would be too cold.



5. What does **bust** mean in the *Minnesota Vikings* book?

*The deal was a **bust** for the Vikings. They didn't win a playoff game in Walker's three seasons with Minnesota.*

- A. a broken bone
- B. a playoff win
- C. a failure

6. What does **rallying cry** mean in the *Minnesota Vikings* book?

*The Vikings had a **rallying cry** in 1969. It was "40 for 60." The team had 40 players. If they all played hard for 60 minutes, they would be unstoppable.*

- A. a difficult game that ends in a tie
- B. a short phrase that gets people excited
- C. a large group of players who work hard



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: MINNESOTA VIKINGS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. B



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Philadelphia Eagles history? Why?
3. Which of these teams is the Eagles' biggest rival?
  - A. Carolina Panthers
  - B. Los Angeles Rams
  - C. New York Giants
4. Why did the Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers join together in 1943?
  - A. because both teams were so bad
  - B. because so many players went to fight in World War II
  - C. because it's what fans of both teams asked for





5. What does **erupts** mean in the *Philadelphia Eagles* book?

*He scores the winning touchdown. The stadium **erupts**. Fans give one another high fives.*

- A. wins a game slowly
- B. cheers loudly all at once
- C. leaves somewhere quickly

6. What does **accurate** mean in the *Philadelphia Eagles* book?

*Sonny Jurgenson was one of the league's most **accurate** passers. He found receivers all over the field.*

- A. able to throw the ball on target
- B. able to tackle the quarterback
- C. able to catch bad throws



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. A



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

### NFL TEAMS: PITTSBURGH STEELERS

1. Write a paragraph explaining the main ideas of Chapter 6.
2. Who do you think is the greatest player in Steelers history? Why?
3. What coach led the Steelers to four Super Bowl wins?
  - A. Chuck Noll
  - B. Bill Cowher
  - C. Mike Tomlin
4. Why do most football fans agree that the Steelers were the best team of the 1970s?
  - A. Pittsburgh invented the Terrible Towel.
  - B. Pittsburgh won four Super Bowls.
  - C. Pittsburgh always led the NFL in rushing.



5. What does **turnovers** mean in the *Pittsburgh Steelers* book?

*But **turnovers** cost them the game. A late fumble helped the Green Bay Packers win.*

- A. seasons in which a team wins very few games
- B. plays in which a team gives up the ball
- C. games in which the road team wins

6. What does **erupt** mean in the *Pittsburgh Steelers* book?

*Fans go silent just before the song starts. Then they **erupt** when the music kicks in.*

- A. cheer very loudly
- B. play musical instruments
- C. stay as quiet as possible



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. A



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

## NFL TEAMS: SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.
2. Who do you think was the greatest player in 49ers history? Why?
3. Which players created the alley-oop pass?
  - A. Joe Montana and Dwight Clark
  - B. Y. A. Tittle and R. C. Owens
  - C. Steve Young and Jerry Rice
4. Why did many people think Bill Walsh was an offensive genius?
  - A. He came up with game plans that suited his quarterback's strengths.
  - B. He spent many years coming up with the shotgun formation.
  - C. He helped the 49ers become the first major league team in the Bay Area.



5. What does **dynasty** mean in the *San Francisco 49ers* book?

*The 49ers built a **dynasty**. They became the NFL's best team. San Francisco won three more Super Bowls in the 1980s.*

- A. a team that loses more games than it wins
- B. a team that builds a fancy new stadium
- C. a team that has a long period of success

6. What does **traditional** mean in the *San Francisco 49ers* book?

*Jimmy Garoppolo was a more **traditional** quarterback. He stayed in the pocket on most plays.*

- A. likely to come up with new ways of doing things
- B. likely to drop the ball while looking for receivers
- C. likely to follow the common way of doing things



## **ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C