



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: ARIZONA CARDINALS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. What do you think is the most important moment in Cardinals history? Why?

3. Which team did the Cardinals beat in Mexico City in 2005?
 - A. Green Bay Packers
 - B. San Francisco 49ers
 - C. Dallas Cowboys

4. How did the Cardinals get their name?
 - A. The team's first owner loved bird-watching.
 - B. The team's first owner bought red jerseys.
 - C. The team's first owner asked fans to vote for a name.



5. What does **drought** mean in the *Arizona Cardinals* book?

*In 1998, the team finally ended its 15-year playoff **drought**. Arizona played the Dallas Cowboys in the first round. Most people expected Dallas to win. But the Cardinals came out on top.*

- A. a play that helps a team win the game
- B. a series of games to decide the champion
- C. a long period without success

6. What does **rival** mean in the *Arizona Cardinals* book?

*Arizona's biggest **rival** is the Los Angeles Rams. The teams first played each other in 1937. Since then, they have met more than 90 times.*

- A. a team that brings out strong emotions from fans and players
- B. a game between two teams that don't face each other very often
- C. a win that helps a team earn a spot in the playoffs



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: ARIZONA CARDINALS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: ATLANTA FALCONS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. What do you think is the most important moment in Atlanta Falcons history? Why?

3. Which player was the Falcons' first-ever draft pick?
 - A. Deion Sanders
 - B. Tommy Nobis
 - C. Matt Ryan

4. Why is good route running important for a wide receiver?
 - A. It helps them make tackles.
 - B. It helps them come up with new plays.
 - C. It helps them get away from defenders.



5. What does **clutch** mean in the *Atlanta Falcons* book?

*He was as **clutch** as they come. He made big plays when Atlanta needed him most.*

- A. playing against a bad team
- B. scaring another player
- C. succeeding in a tough time

6. What does **accurate** mean in the *Atlanta Falcons* book?

*Koo was one of the league's most **accurate** kickers. In 2020 and 2021, he made more than 90 percent of his field goal attempts.*

- A. mistake-free
- B. powerful
- C. fast



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: ATLANTA FALCONS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: CAROLINA PANTHERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Panthers history? Why?

3. Who passed for more than 400 yards in each of his first two NFL games?
 - A. Bryce Young
 - B. Kerry Collins
 - C. Cam Newton

4. Why was it a surprise that the Panthers reached the conference title game in 1996?
 - A. Expansion teams usually take a long time to become good.
 - B. No team from the NFC West had ever made it that far.
 - C. The Panthers had a rookie quarterback that season.



5. What does **stumbled** mean in the *Carolina Panthers* book?

*The year after their Super Bowl run, the Panthers **stumbled**. They finished the 2016 season with a losing record.*

- A. played well
- B. played poorly
- C. moved to a new city

6. What does **draw** mean in the *Carolina Panthers* book?

*The Panthers wanted to **draw** fans from both states. So, the team didn't use North or South in its name.*

- A. to make a picture
- B. to bring in
- C. to win a game



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: CAROLINA PANTHERS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: CHICAGO BEARS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Chicago Bears history? Why?

3. Who is the main rival of the Bears?
 - A. Indianapolis Colts
 - B. New York Giants
 - C. Green Bay Packers

4. What was the biggest reason the Bears won the Super Bowl in 1985?
 - A. strong defense
 - B. strong special teams
 - C. mistakes by the other team



5. What does **shutouts** mean in the *Chicago Bears* book?

*Chicago didn't allow a single point in either game. These **shutouts** took the Bears to the Super Bowl.*

- A. games in which the opponent wins easily
- B. games in which the opponent doesn't score
- C. games in which the opponent reaches the Super Bowl

6. What does **elite** mean in the *Chicago Bears* book?

*From 2018 to 2021, the Bears featured two **elite** linebackers. Khalil Mack racked up sack after sack. Roquan Smith was a rising star.*

- A. not important
- B. among the best
- C. very weak



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: CHICAGO BEARS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: DENVER BRONCOS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Broncos history? Why?

3. Who led Denver to its first Super Bowl win?
 - A. Craig Morton
 - B. John Elway
 - C. Peyton Manning

4. Why might the Broncos' opponents have a hard time playing in Denver?
 - A. The "Mile High Salute" makes it hard to stay focused.
 - B. The "Mile High Thunder" makes it hard to hear play calls.
 - C. New Mile High has a longer playing field than other stadiums.



5. What does **targets** mean in the *Denver Broncos* book?

*Quarterback John Elway led the way. Tight end Shannon Sharpe was one of his favorite **targets**.*

- A. coaches to call plays
- B. defenders to block passes
- C. players to throw to

6. What does **formation** mean in the *Denver Broncos* book?

*Manning often lined up in the shotgun **formation**. When he wanted to change the play, he shouted “Omaha!”*

- A. a play that results in a touchdown
- B. a victory over an easy opponent
- C. the places where players stand before a play starts



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: DENVER BRONCOS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Colts history? Why?

3. Which quarterback led the Colts to their first NFL title?
 - A. Anthony Richardson
 - B. Peyton Manning
 - C. Johnny Unitas

4. Why were many fans shocked when the Colts moved to Indianapolis?
 - A. The team didn't give any warning about the move.
 - B. The city of Baltimore didn't have enough football fans.
 - C. The NFL forced the team to leave Baltimore.



5. What does **upsets** mean in the *Indianapolis Colts* book?

*Most people thought the Colts would win easily. But the Jets came out on top. It was one of the biggest **upsets** in football history.*

- A. games that end in a tie
- B. victories that most fans expected
- C. unexpected losses

6. What does **rivalries** mean in the *Indianapolis Colts* book?

*In the 2000s, the Colts and the Patriots had one of the NFL's best **rivalries**. They met in the playoffs several times.*

- A. ongoing competitions
- B. stadiums where teams play
- C. teams with losing records



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Chargers history? Why?

3. Which quarterback led the Chargers to their first Super Bowl?
 - A. Dan Fouts
 - B. Stan Humphries
 - C. Philip Rivers

4. Why was it unusual for the Chargers to play in a soccer stadium in the late 2010s?
 - A. Soccer fields and football fields have different shapes.
 - B. The Chargers did not have enough players on their team.
 - C. The stadium was much smaller than other NFL stadiums.



5. What does **era** mean in the *Los Angeles Chargers* book?

*He played for the team from 1960 to 1969. Mix was one of the best blockers of his **era**.*

- A. a great blocker
- B. a period of time
- C. a winning team

6. What does **dominance** mean in the *Los Angeles Chargers* book?

*Mack kept up his **dominance** as a pass rusher. He posted a career-best 17 sacks in 2023.*

- A. power over others
- B. a long season
- C. the end of a career



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: LOS ANGELES RAMS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Rams history? Why?

3. Who was quarterback when the Rams won their first Super Bowl?
 - A. Norm Van Brocklin
 - B. Jim Everett
 - C. Kurt Warner

4. How might Rams history be different if Fred Gehrke had not played for the team?
 - A. The team would probably have a different helmet design.
 - B. The team would probably have more Super Bowl titles.
 - C. The team would probably play in a different city.



5. What does **attendance** mean in the *Los Angeles Rams* book?

*The stadium could hold more than 100,000 fans. By 1949, the Rams were leading the NFL in **attendance**.*

- A. the number of titles a team wins
- B. the number of fans at a game
- C. the number of teams in a league

6. What does **demand** mean in the *Los Angeles Rams* book?

*The city allowed the Rams to play at the Coliseum. But the city had one **demand**. The Rams had to allow Black players on the team.*

- A. a team that moves to a new city
- B. a stadium that holds many fans
- C. a rule that must be followed



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: LOS ANGELES RAMS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Patriots history? Why?

3. Who did the Patriots beat to win their first Super Bowl title?
 - A. Chicago Bears
 - B. Green Bay Packers
 - C. St. Louis Rams

4. Why did Tom Brady and Peyton Manning have a strong rivalry?
 - A. because they grew up in the same city and didn't like each other
 - B. because they were two of the best quarterbacks in the NFL
 - C. because the Patriots usually won when they played each other



5. What does **thrived** mean in the *New England Patriots* book?

*But he **thrived** with the Patriots. Buoniconti had quickness and good hands. Those skills helped him collect 24 interceptions for New England.*

- A. ran very far
- B. jumped very high
- C. played very well

6. What does **reputation** mean in the *New England Patriots* book?

*He quickly earned a **reputation** for making clutch kicks. Vinatieri made the game-winning field goal in two Super Bowls.*

- A. the last two minutes of a title game
- B. the things a person is known for
- C. the ability to kick the ball very far



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in New Orleans Saints history? Why?

3. In the 2009 season, which team did the Saints beat in the Super Bowl?
 - A. Indianapolis Colts
 - B. Minnesota Vikings
 - C. Seattle Seahawks

4. Why would a dual-threat quarterback create problems for defenders?
 - A. Defenders have to focus on both long and short passes.
 - B. Defenders have to focus on onside kicks.
 - C. Defenders have to focus on both the pass and the run.



5. What does **consistency** mean in the *New Orleans Saints* book?

*Jordan's best skill was his **consistency**. Season after season, he played at a high level.*

- A. good at only one thing
- B. slower than most other players
- C. able to stay the same over time

6. What does **apt** mean in the *New Orleans Saints* book?

*The Superdome has an **apt** name. No stadium has hosted the Super Bowl more times.*

- A. fitting
- B. out of place
- C. common



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: NEW YORK GIANTS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Giants history? Why?

3. Which team did the Giants beat to win their third NFL title?
 - A. Chicago Bears
 - B. Philadelphia Eagles
 - C. Green Bay Packers

4. Why do Giants fans shout “Go Big Blue”?
 - A. The team always has big players.
 - B. The team’s home jerseys are blue.
 - C. The team’s home field is blue.



5. What does **two-way** mean in the *New York Giants* book?

*Mel Hein was an excellent **two-way** player. He was a speedy linebacker on defense. And he was a bruising center on offense.*

- A. able to play offense and defense
- B. able to run faster than other players
- C. able to deliver hard hits

6. What does **era** mean in the *New York Giants* book?

*Sam Huff was one of the best linebackers of his **era**. He spent eight seasons with New York in the late 1950s and early 1960s.*

- A. a hard tackle
- B. a player who is great
- C. a period of time



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: NEW YORK GIANTS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: NEW YORK JETS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Jets history? Why?

3. Who guaranteed the Jets would win the Super Bowl?
 - A. Weeb Ewbank
 - B. Joe Namath
 - C. Don Maynard

4. Why was the Jets' defensive line called the "New York Sack Exchange" in the 1980s?
 - A. They had trouble stopping the run.
 - B. They made a lot of money.
 - C. They often tackled the quarterback.



5. What does **contenders** mean in the *New York Jets* book?

*In 1986, the Jets looked like Super Bowl **contenders**. They started the season 10–1.*

- A. a young team without many good players
- B. a team that does not finish a full season
- C. a team with a good chance of winning a title

6. What does **durability** mean in the *New York Jets* book?

*Curtis Martin's greatest skill may have been his **durability**. The running back took lots of hits. Yet he rarely missed games.*

- A. the ability to miss games
- B. the ability to run quickly
- C. the ability to stay healthy



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: NEW YORK JETS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Seahawks history? Why?

3. Who was the Seahawks' first starting quarterback?
 - A. Dave Krieg
 - B. Jim Zorn
 - C. Matt Hasselbeck

4. Why is crowd noise helpful to the home team?
 - A. Noise makes it harder for the opponents to hear the play call.
 - B. Noise makes the opponents excited to play hard.
 - C. Noise makes the home team know what play to run.



5. What does **anchored** mean in the *Seattle Seahawks* book?

*He **anchored** the defensive line for 11 seasons. Kennedy earned the Defensive Player of the Year Award in his third season.*

- A. scored many points
- B. failed in a big way
- C. led with talent

6. What does **controversial** mean in the *Seattle Seahawks* book?

*It was a **controversial** game. The officials later admitted to mistakes that hurt the Seahawks.*

- A. not likely to make a difference
- B. likely to be argued about
- C. likely to be forgotten



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Buccaneers history? Why?

3. Who had at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first 10 seasons?
 - A. Chris Godwin
 - B. Mike Evans
 - C. Rob Gronkowski

4. Why was Tampa Bay's 1979 division title so shocking?
 - A. It was the team's first season in the NFL.
 - B. The team's starting quarterback had been hurt all year.
 - C. The team had been very bad in its first three seasons.



5. What does **reliable** mean in the *Tampa Bay Buccaneers* book?

*The linebacker played for 14 years. He didn't miss a single game. But Brooks was more than just **reliable**. He was also an excellent tackler.*

- A. dependable, or always able to play
- B. strong, or very good at tackling
- C. injured, or not able to play

6. What does **drought** mean in the *Tampa Bay Buccaneers* book?

*That led to another long **drought**. The team went 12 seasons without reaching the playoffs.*

- A. a time without success
- B. a full football season
- C. a playoff victory



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: TENNESSEE TITANS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Titans history? Why?

3. Which running back did the Oilers select with the top pick in 1978?
 - A. Earl Campbell
 - B. Eddie George
 - C. Derrick Henry

4. How does the Titans' logo represent all of Tennessee, and not just Nashville?
 - A. The flames stand for the state's wildfires.
 - B. The logo is in the shape of the state.
 - C. The three stars stand for each part of the state.



5. What does **agility** mean in the *Tennessee Titans* book?

*Defensive lineman Elvin Bethea excelled at rushing the passer. He dodged blockers with his **agility**.*

- A. strength
- B. quickness
- C. size

6. What does **rookie** mean in the *Tennessee Titans* book?

*Defensive lineman Jevon Kearse was dominant in 1999 as a **rookie**. “The Freak” had 14.5 sacks in his first season.*

- A. a player in his last season
- B. an athlete no longer playing
- C. a player in his first season



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: TENNESSEE TITANS

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



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NFL TEAMS: WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Washington history? Why?

3. What quarterback led Washington to NFL titles in 1937 and 1942?
 - A. Sammy Baugh
 - B. Sonny Jurgensen
 - C. Joe Theismann

4. How was Chris Hanburger's leadership a surprise?
 - A. He ended up playing offense.
 - B. He was picked very late in the draft.
 - C. He played for only a couple of years.



5. What does **consistently** mean in the *Washington Commanders* book?

*Some coaches had a good season or two. But none won **consistently**.*

- A. never
- B. steadily
- C. rarely

6. What does **revenge** mean in the *Washington Commanders* book?

*Chicago crushed Washington 73–0. The two teams met again in 1942. Many fans expected a similar result. But Washington got **revenge**. It won the NFL title.*

- A. a game that a team can't win
- B. the same result as a previous game
- C. a win by a team that lost earlier



ANSWER KEY FOR NFL TEAMS: WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

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