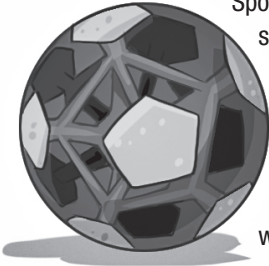


1. Read the article. In the future, why will players probably not feel a soccer ball when they kick it?

**Soccer Balls of the Future – What will they be like?**



Sports scientists think the shape of soccer balls definitely won't change, but they'll definitely be transparent all over. They will be made of a special modern fabric called *elastomer*. Inside the ball there will be a skeleton. Players probably won't feel the ball when they kick it because it will be very light.

We know the balls will change color, but we don't know what color. Maybe they'll turn green when a team scores and maybe they'll turn red when a player passes the ball. The referee will

make decisions on the field. Some players probably won't agree with all the referee's decisions and they'll probably want to ask the ball!

There will definitely be a camera inside the ball and GPS. There will be a special digital chip inside each ball. Soccer balls will be able to record the speed a player passes and kicks the ball. The whole team will be able to watch the game again from a "ball's eye view" and see how they can improve their game.

Maybe one day, instead of watching our favorite players, we'll watch robots kicking digital soccer balls and playing matches without referees. That'll probably be very boring!

2. **Confirm a text's content** Write a check for the things that the writer predicts will change about soccer balls. Write a cross for the things that the writer predicts will not change.

- 1. Soccer balls will be a different shape.   X
- 2. Soccer balls will be different colors on the outside and transparent on the inside.
- 3. Soccer balls are likely to be able to change color.
- 4. The referee will make decisions on the field.
- 5. Soccer balls will have cameras and GPS inside.
- 6. One day there will definitely be robot soccer players and there won't be referees.

3. **Scan for information** Choose the correct answers.

- 1. Soccer balls in the future will use ...
  - a. very modern material.
  - b. the same material as soccer balls now.
  - c. the same material inside and outside.
  - d. very heavy modern material.
- 2. Soccer balls in the future will definitely be ...
  - a. heavy and will be completely transparent.
  - b. light and will not change color when a player kicks them.
  - c. light and will change color.
  - d. heavy and will change color.
- 3. In the future, on the soccer field ...
  - a. the ball will tell the referee what to do.
  - b. the ball will tell the players how to play.
  - c. the referee will check his decisions with the ball.
  - d. the referee will still make all the decisions.
- 4. In the future there will be ... inside soccer balls.
  - a. a camera with a digital chip
  - b. a camera, a digital chip, and GPS
  - c. a camera and GPS
  - d. a digital chip to take photos
- 5. The new soccer balls will have information on how ...
  - a. fast players pass and kick the ball.
  - b. fast players can run.
  - c. far the ball travels.
  - d. fast the ball moves.
- 6. After a game, players will be able to watch the game again ...
  - a. on TV.
  - b. in front of the ball.
  - c. using the information from the ball.
  - d. through the ball.