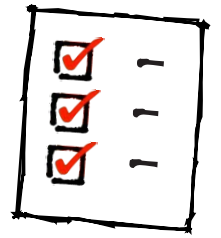


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Day Two

The Flying Wedge

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- But one play was so hazardous that it was banned
- Trafford had a wall of offensive players
- The Wedge sent the Yale players crashing to the ground
- Others sewed loops into the backs of their pants
- the collision left foggy brains and shattered bones
- sometimes two or three blockers will form a wall

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the nouns below. Underline the suffix—the suffix comes after the base word. The first one is done for you.

players

development

protection

objections

defenders



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The Flying Wedge

Part 2: Last read

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Football can be a dangerous game. But one play was so hazardous that it was banned over 100 years ago. This play is the Flying Wedge.

The Flying Wedge first appeared in 1892. In a game between Harvard and Yale, 40
the Harvard team's playbook had a new development. All of the Harvard players 53
except the ball carrier, Bernie Trafford, stood close together. They made a massive 66
V, or a wedge, behind the ball. They left a gap in the middle, at the point of the V. 86
Then, the players began running down the field. At the time the play began, they 101
were already running at full speed. Trafford put the ball in play by lifting it off the 118
ground. His teammates ran past and closed the V. Now, Trafford had a wall of 133
offensive players as protection. He ran inside the V with the ball. The Wedge sent 148
the Yale players crashing to the ground, one by one. 158

Soon, teams everywhere were using the Wedge. Some teams linked arms. Others 170
sewed loops into the backs of their pants for their teammates to grab onto. 184

However, some people had objections to the new play. When 10 men flew full speed 199
into one or two defenders, the collision left foggy brains and shattered bones. The 213
Flying Wedge was banned in 1894. However, even today, sometimes two or three 226
blockers will form a wall that the ball carrier runs behind. These plays are ghosts of 242
the old Flying Wedge. 246

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Is it okay to ban sports plays like the Flying Wedge? Yes No

Why?

Talk with your partner. Check the box that fits.

My partner thinks yes. My partner thinks no. My partner isn't sure.

What reason does your partner give?