

Number One

This task is about adding words to a text so that it makes sense.

The following piece of writing has some spaces where words are missing.

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You are able to change answers as you go.

When you have filled in all the spaces, re-read the text to check that the whole piece of writing makes sense.

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It's Saturday morning. Rain, hail or sunshine, I get up early, and get dressed in my rugby league gear: black shorts, green-and-yellow socks, and a bright yellow jersey with green stripes and a big black number 10 on the back.

"Your jersey's number 10," ¹ Mum, "but you're my number one!"

² get to the grounds, and ³ wait to play.

Mum whispers in ⁴ ear. "Watch the ball all the ⁵, son."

The whistle blows. The other guys kick the ball. ⁶ all run towards it. I hear ⁷ Mum's voice.

"The ball, Te Hiko - ⁸ the ball!"

Where is it? I run. There it is! Then ⁹ hear my Mum's voice!

"Grab the ¹⁰, son. Go!" I pick it up and run. Mum calls out, "Hold on ¹¹ the ball, Te Hiko!"

I try ¹² pass it to my mates, but ¹³ in the way. I tuck it ¹⁴ my arm and run for the ¹⁵. Oops! I'm tackled, and I crash ¹⁶ the ground. I've lost the ball. ¹⁷ scramble to my feet.

I've had enough. But Mum's voice ¹⁸ in the air, "Get the ball, !"¹⁹

There it is! I grab it ²⁰ run. Suddenly the goal line disappears. I can't hear my Mum ²¹ more. I crash to the ground ²². And then the whistle blows. Too ²³ to score. I've blown it again. I look around for Mum. And ²⁴ she is, all smiles. It's just ²⁵ announced that I'm player of the !²⁶

She gives me a big hug. "²⁷ you, son," she says. "I told ²⁸ you're my number one!"