## **EXERCISES**

1. Read these statements, check your opinion, and tick (	) if you agree or disagree	
	Agree	diagree
a. Soccer is boring game		
b. Soccer is not a game for women		
c. Soccer is more like a business than sport		
d. It can be dangerous to go to a soccer match		
e. Soccer players earn too much money		

## 2. Read the "The History of soccer"

Soccer began in China around 2500 B.C. People play a ball game to celebrate the Emperor's birthday. The modern game of soccer began in England in the 1800s. However, it was very different then from soccer today. Sometimes players picked up the ball and ran!. Then in 1863, the London Football Association made the rules for a game they called "association football". Players were no longer allowed to use their hands. People called association football "assoc". Finally, "assoc" became "soccer".

British sailors took soccer to the rest of Europe and to South America and Asia. Soccer matches were soon begin played around the world. In 1930, the world's greatest soccer competition began: teams from thirteen countries took part in the first Word Cup in Uruguay.

Today, soccer is the biggest game in the world. In the 2002 World Cup, there were teams from 192 countries. It seems nothing can stop the popularity of soccer, "the beautiful game"

## A. Put the places in groups

Asia – England- China-Europe

South America- Uruguay

Countries	Continents

B. These words are all connected with soccer. Look in the text above. Can you complete the missing letters?

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