



WOMEN IN FOOTBALL

Gerunds and infinitives: Choose the correct option below the text to complete the gaps

The referee

Sue Evans turned from mum to football referee after many years of __1__ the men in black mess up her sons' matches. Now 37, the school secretary regularly works in the professional Football League as well as __2__ to referee local junior games.

"I try __3__ a cool head on the pitch and very little bothers me. __4__ a woman can occasionally be a problem, but it can also help with management skills. Sometimes I treat the players as naughty children when they are playing badly" she says.

Sue is married to a former referee. In the early days he used __5__ her advice but he now accepts that she knows more than him.

Given the choice, their two sons would rather __6__ their mum in charge of their matches because according to them, she is much better.

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| 1. to watch/watching/watch | 2. to continue/continuing/continue |
| 3. to keep/keeping/keep | 4. to be/being/be |
| 5. to give/giving/give | 6. to have/having/ have |



The player

At 19 years old, the future looks full of promise for female footballer Lydia Kirk who is now regarded as one of the best women football players in the country. Lydia took up __7__ with her brother's team when she was nine years old and quickly proved __8__ the best player.

At first, my family couldn't understand why I wanted __9__ a 'boys' game but they soon realized how committed I was. Unlike the luxury lifestyle of her male counterparts, __10__ her football passion, Lydia must __11__ as a fitness instructor in a gym and drives a very old car.

"I might get a Ferrari one day", she laughs. "But only if they decide __12__ womens football more seriously".

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| 7. to play/playing/play | 8. to be/being/be |
| 9. to try/trying/try | 10. to support/supporting/support |
| 11. to work/working/work | 12. to take/taking/take |

ANSWERS

1. Watching
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