**FOOTBALL ABCs**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A is for **AAAAAA**. Players run, block, and tackle on every play.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B is for **BBBB**. With pointy ends and center laces, a football is like no other **BBBB**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ C is for **CCCC CCCC**. Every game starts with a **CCCC CCCC**. What will it be? Heads or tails?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D is for **DDDDDDD**. To stop a run, players use their strong arms and legs.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E is for **EEEEEEEEE**. Helmets and gloves protect players. So do the foam pads that cover their practice **EEEEEEEEE**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ F is for **FFFFFF**. Uh-oh! When a player drops the ball, it’s a **FFFFFF**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G is for **GGGGG**. Football is played on **GGGGG**. The **GGGGG** can be real or artificial.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ H is for **HHHHHHHH**. Every football game has a break in the middle. Players rest. Musicians play.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I is for **IIIIIIIIIIII**. Reaching over the receiver, the defender grabs the ball. It’s an **IIIIIIIIIIII**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J is for **JJJJJ**. The **JJJJJ** is one of many referees. He watches each play carefully. He signals a touchdown to players and fans.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ K is for **KKKK**. Kickers **KKKK** the ball to score field goals. Will this **KKKK** bring three points?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ L is for **LLLL**. **LLLL**s divide a field. 10, 20, 30, 40 … There are 10 yards between each **LLLL**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ M is for **MMMMMM**. Most teams have a **MMMMMM**. They lead cheers. They make the crowd laugh.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ N is for **NNNNNNN**. Look for **NNNNNNN** on every uniform. They begin at 1 and end at 99.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ O is for **OOOOOOO**. Quarterbacks and running backs are part of the **OOOOOOO**. Their job is to score points.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P is for **PPPP**. A **PPPP** is a special kind of kick. The punter holds the ball, drops it, and kicks it hard.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Q is for **QQQQQQQQQQQ**. He calls out the plays. He throws the ball. He hands off the ball too.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ R is for **RRR**. Everyone **RRR**s in football. Running backs are especially good **RRR**ners.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S is for **SSSSS SSSS**. The **SSSSS SSSS** is football’s most important games. The winning team is the best in the league.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ T is for **TTTTTTTTT**. Players are happy when they score a **TTTTTTTTT**. Each one is worth six points.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ U is for **UUUUUUUU**. Goalposts stand at each end of the field. Each post has two **UUUUUUUU** rising high into the air.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ V is for **VVVVVVV**. A **VVVVVVV** is a win. Winning players celebrate with a leap and a bump.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ W is for **WWWW** receiver. **WWWW** receivers run fast and leap high. What a catch!

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X is for e**XXXXXXX**. For players and fans, nothing is more e**XXXXXXX** than a football game.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Y is for **YYYYY**. A football field is long, 100 **YYYYY** (91 meters) long!

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Z is for end **ZZZZ**. An end **ZZZZ** sits at each end of the field.

ANSWERS

Action

Ball

Coin Toss

Defense

Equipment

Fumble

Grass

Halftime

Interception

Judge

Kick

Line

Mascot

Numbers

Offense

Punt

Quarterback

Run

Super Bowl

Touchdown

Uprights

Victory

Wide

eXciting

Yards

Zone