Football Transformers

PART I

For each set of clues, begin with the given word and then follow the clues to form new words. Write the new words in the blanks at the right (one letter per blank). You will use the last word you form in each set to complete one of the sentences in Part II.

A. Begin with the word BITE.
   • Make it past tense. __ __ __
   • Change one letter to spell the past tense of light. __ __ __
   • Change one letter to form a word that means “to strike.” __ __ __
   • Change one letter to spell a verb that means “have a seat.” __ __ __
   • Change one letter to spell a number. __ __ __

B. Begin with the word HEAT.
   • Change one letter to spell a place to sit. __ __ __ __
   • Drop two letters to form a preposition. __ __
   • Add a vowel to form a verb meaning “finished a meal.” __ __ __
   • Scramble the letters to spell a beverage. __ __ __
   • Add a consonant to the end to create a noun indicating a special group. __ __ __ __

C. Begin with the word AND.
   • Add a consonant to spell a gritty material found on a beach. __ __ __ __
   • Change one letter to spell a part of the body. __ __ __ __
   • Change one letter to form the antonym of soft. __ __ __ __
   • Change one consonant to spell a unit of measure. __ __ __ __
   • Make that word plural. __ __ __ __ __

D. Begin with the word HOLE.
   • Change one letter to spell the place where you live. __ __ __ __
   • Change a letter to form a word for: “_____ in. The door’s open!” __ __ __
   • Change one letter to form the past tense of that word. __ __ __
   • Change another letter to spell a noun that means “concern.” __ __ __
   • Add first and last letters to form a verb meaning “frightens.” __ __ __ __ __
   • Change one letter to spell a word meaning “adds points.” __ __ __ __ __

PART II

Now use each of the words you have formed in Part I to complete one of these sentences.

1. Eleven players make up a football _____________.
2. American football fields are 100 _____________ long.
3. The winning team _____________ more points than the other team.
4. In American football, a touchdown is worth ____________ points.

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Part I
1. team; 2. yards; 3. scores; 4. six

Part II
A. bite • hit • lit • sit • six
B. heat • seat • at • ate • tea • team
C. and • sand • hand • hard • yard • yards
D. hole • home • come • care • care • scores • scores

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