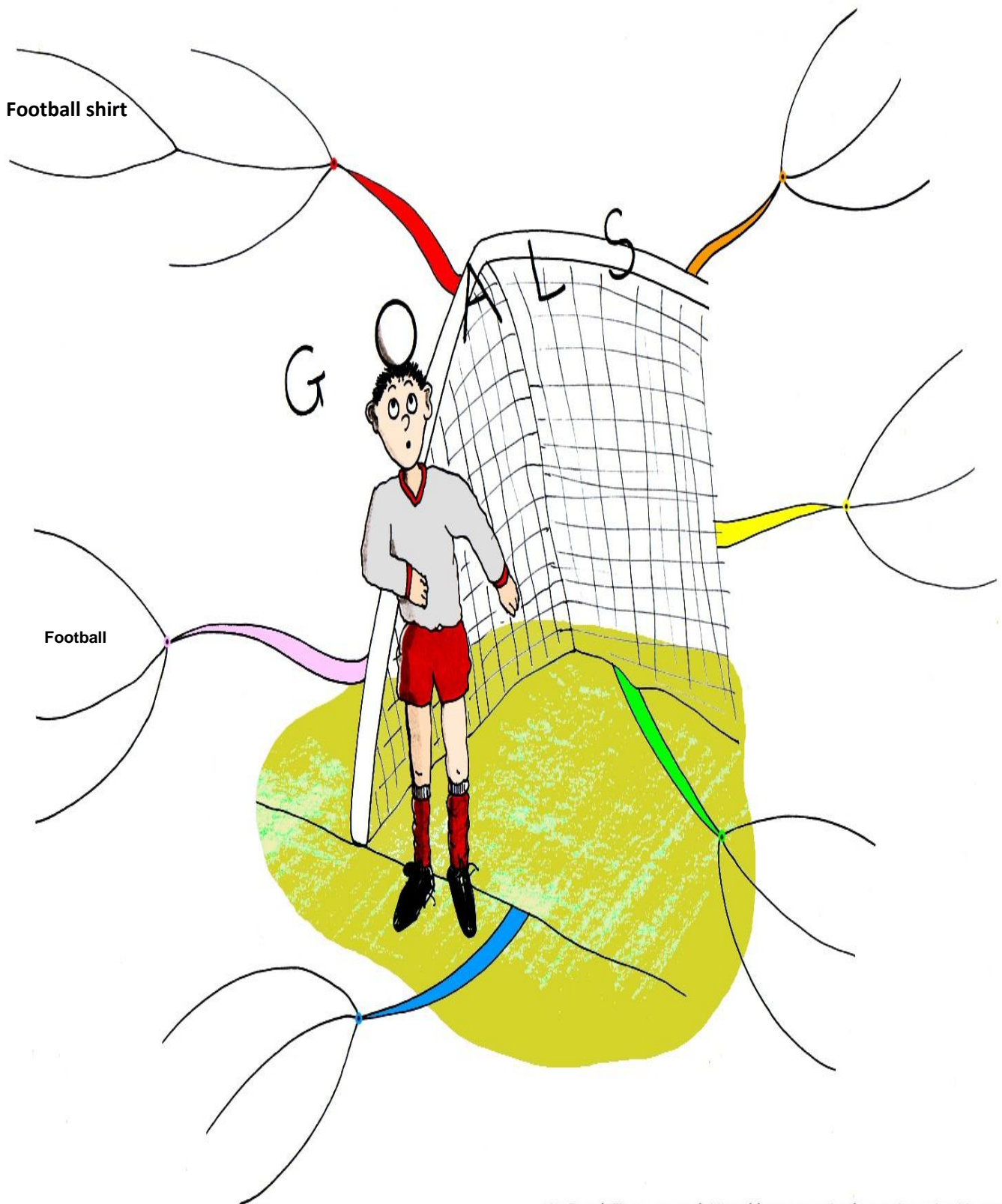


Read the first paragraph of the story. Answer the questions with your own answers.

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Questions	Your guess	Your answers after reading the story
1. Why couldn't he tell his mum and dad that his new football shirt was ruined?		
2. On his way home, he saw a sign board. What was written on it?		
3. Why did he say "I'm sorry." when he entered the shop?		
4. What did he see in the shop?		
5. Why did he want to leave the shop?		
6. Why can't the narrator be a footballer?		
7. What happened when the man pressed a button under the table?		
8. Where had the narrator heard the name "Orhan" before?		
9. Who was the man in the repair shop?		

Work in groups. Think about the title of the story, "The Ex-Footballer". Add any vocabulary that you think might be related to the story.



Look at the pictures and discuss the questions in groups.



- Who are the people in the pictures?
- What do the people in the pictures have in common?
- What are the qualities of a good footballer?
- Why do you think football is a popular sport in Turkey?
- Who is your favourite footballer? Why?
- Would you like to be a footballer? Why/Why not?
- If you were a footballer, what team would you like to play for? Why?



Work in pairs. Unscramble the questions. Add two more questions and swap your worksheet with another pair. Answer the questions in pairs. Then compare your answers with the rest of the class.

1. How people each many play in team?

How many people play in each team?

Answer:

2. does How a football long last match?

.....?

Answer:

3. many in halves are match there a football How?

.....?

Answer:

4. long How the is in match a football break?

.....?

Answer:

5. use Who hands in can match their the?

.....?

Answer:

6. does red mean the What card?

.....?

Answer:

7. does the What card mean yellow?

.....?

Answer:

8. Your question:.....?

Answer:

9. Your question:.....?

Answer:

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Work in groups. What comes next? List all of the possibilities. Check your answers with your partner. Compare to see if they are similar or not.