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'Steel Roses' blooming (P7)

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Lead-in

When people read a newspaper, they don't read all the articles. Usually, they check the headlines and just choose the articles that look interesting.

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词数 363
建议阅读时间 6分钟

2 ZOOM IN | 随手拍

US’ memories

3 WiFi walls: New tech will boost your wireless signal

麻省理工推出“智能表面”，能将WiFi信号增强十倍。

词数 224 建议阅读时间 4分钟

Activity: We are a pair!

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- boost the WIFI signal
- respect rivals
- aircraft carrier
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The Chinese women’s soccer team pose for a photo after a draw with Australia in Sydney on Feb 13. XINHUA

The *odds* (几率) were against the Chinese women’s soccer team, but the “Steel Roses” stood strong.

Even under normal circumstances, the second-place finish in their AFC Olympic qualifying tournament would have been cause for applause. However, given the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, their achievement is **deserving** of extra praise.

The tournament, which was originally meant to be **staged** in virus-hit Wuhan, was switched to Australia with short notice. Four players, including former Paris Saint-Germain star Wang Shuang, were forced to stay at home because of virus-related travel restrictions.

Upon their arrival in Brisbane on Jan 29, the Chinese players **endured** a weeklong *quarantine* (隔离) period, restricting them to training as best they could manage in their rooms and hotel corridors ahead of their opening match against Thailand in Sydney on Feb 7. ❸

The Roses somehow still managed to beat Thailand and Chinese Taipei, 6-1 and 5-0 respectively, before wrapping up the campaign with a *dramatic* (戏剧性的) 1-1 draw against host Australia on Feb 13.

“In such a tough situation, it’s quite moving that our team still produced such performances. They’ve showed great skill and *executed* (执行) our *tactics* (战术) well,” said coach Jia Xiuquan after the **draw** against Australia, a team ranked eight places above China at No 7 in the world.

Tang Jiali’s 86th-minute *strike* (进球) seemed to have earned China the win after striker Wang Shanshan *spurned* (踢开) several chances to finish the game off. However, the Aussies made China pay when Emily van Egmond fired home in the 92nd-minute.

Tang admitted the result was hard to swallow but immediately set her sights on preparing for the playoff against South Korea.

“In general, our team had great performances. But it’s pretty disappointing to draw the game this way at the end,” said the midfielder.

Back in Wuhan, Wang Shuang showed her support for her teammates with a Weibo message after the third match, which read: “I’m so proud of all of you!” Wang Shuang is not expected to rejoin the national team next month, but the 25-year-old has been doing her best to stay in shape just in case.

As for the next game with South Korea, “the key is our preparation,” said Jia. “It’s about our performance and details. We will respect our *rivals* (对手) and make our best efforts.”

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Task 2: Improve critical thinking with annotation

annotation /ˌænəˈteɪʃən/ *noun* Save

plural **annotations**

Learner's definition of ANNOTATION

1 [count] **:** a note added to a text, book, drawing, etc., as a comment or explanation

- Without the *annotations*, the diagram would be hard to understand.

2 [noncount] **:** the act of adding notes or comments to something **:** the act of annotating something

- the author's *annotation* of the diagram

While-reading

Annotation Code

new words / useful chunks

I love this part. / interesting

I don't understand. /
I have questions about this part.

agree

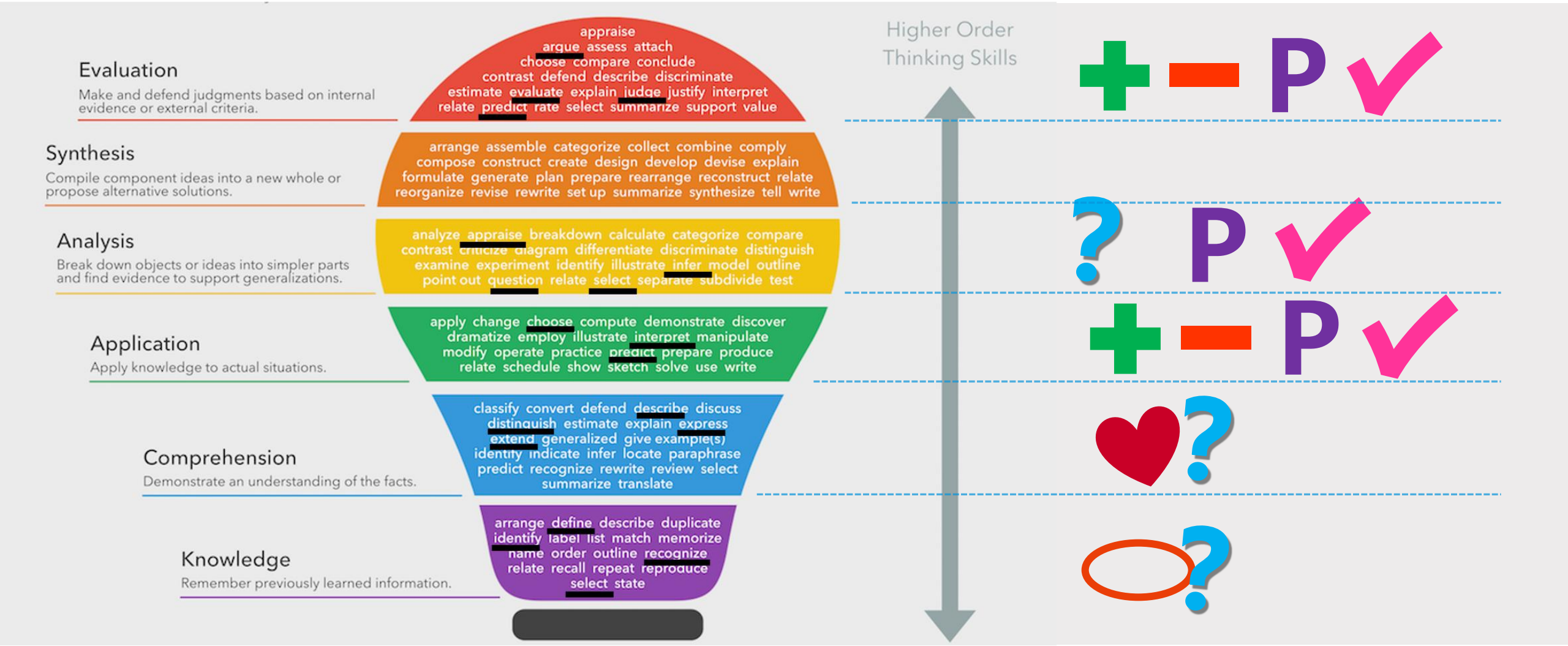
disagree

make a prediction

confirm prediction

Why annotation?

Bloom's Taxonomy



difficulties

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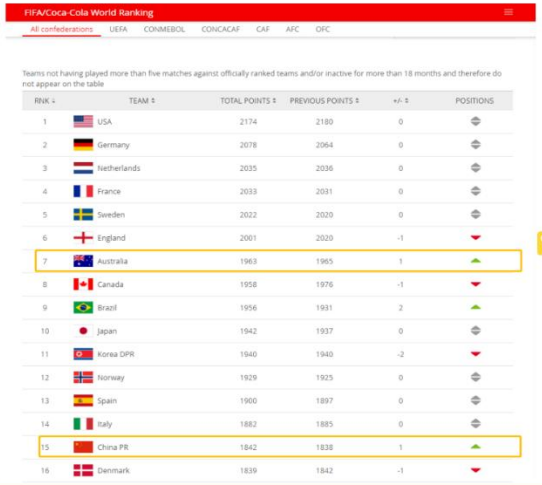

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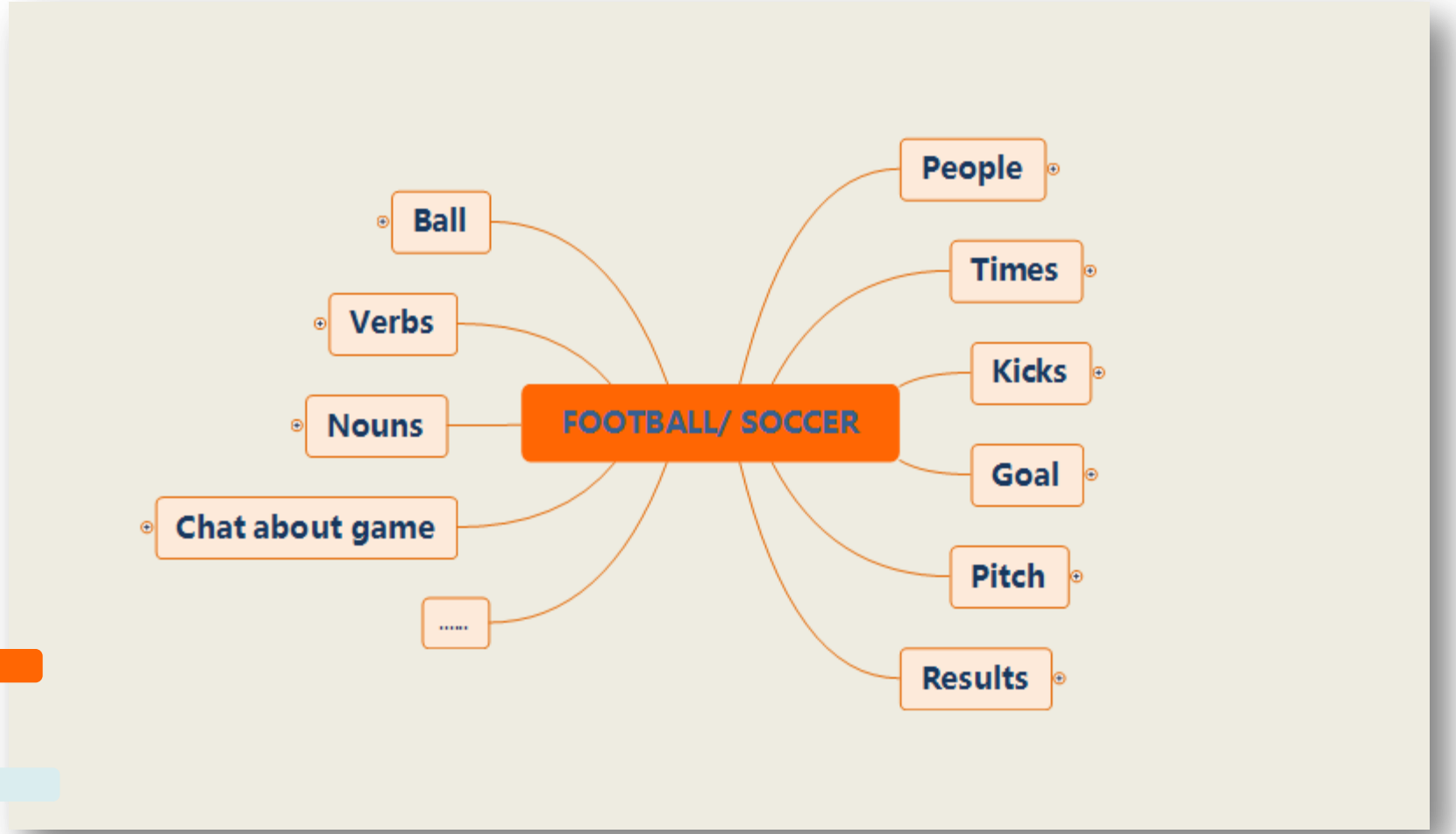
Classification



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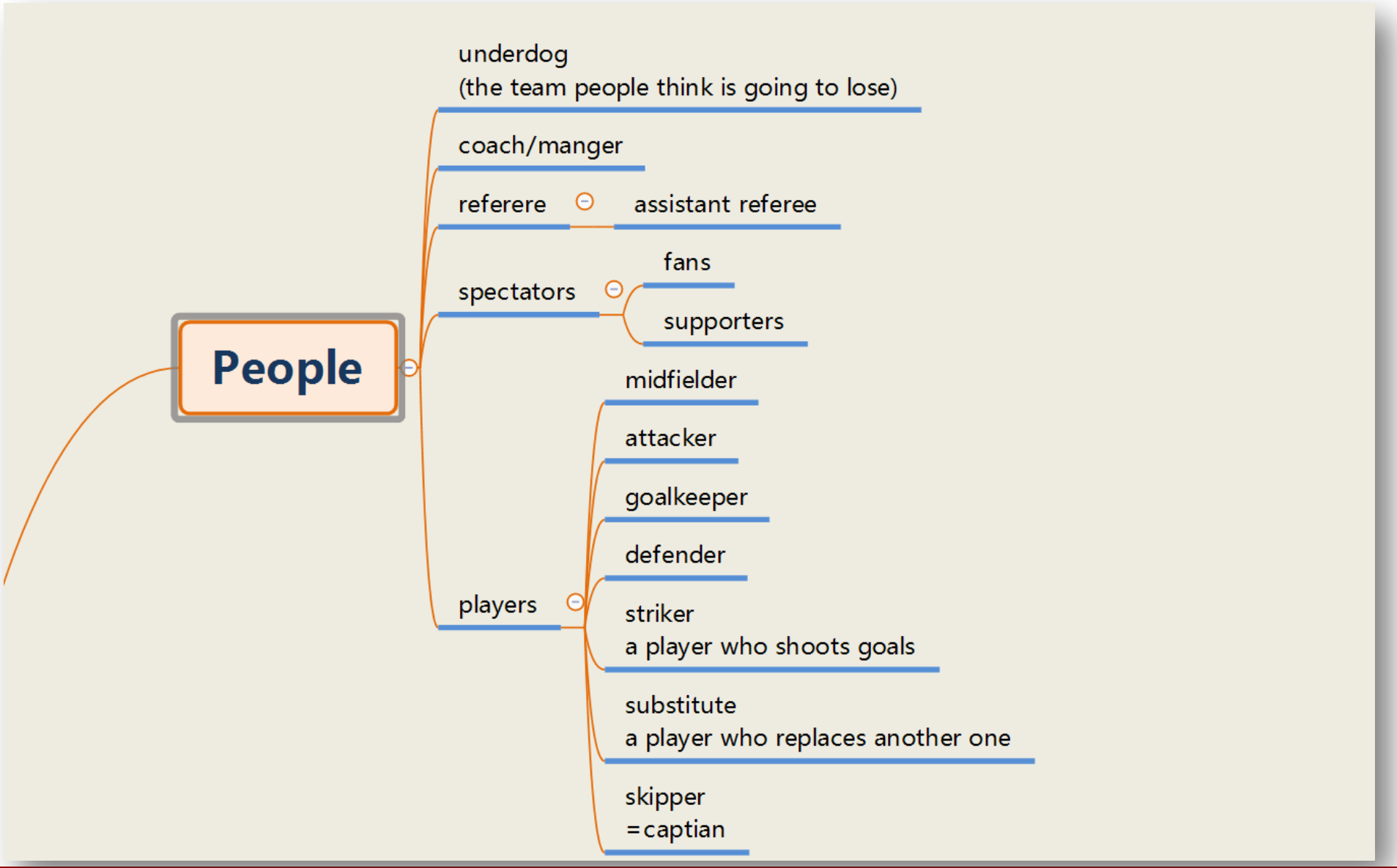
Theme words



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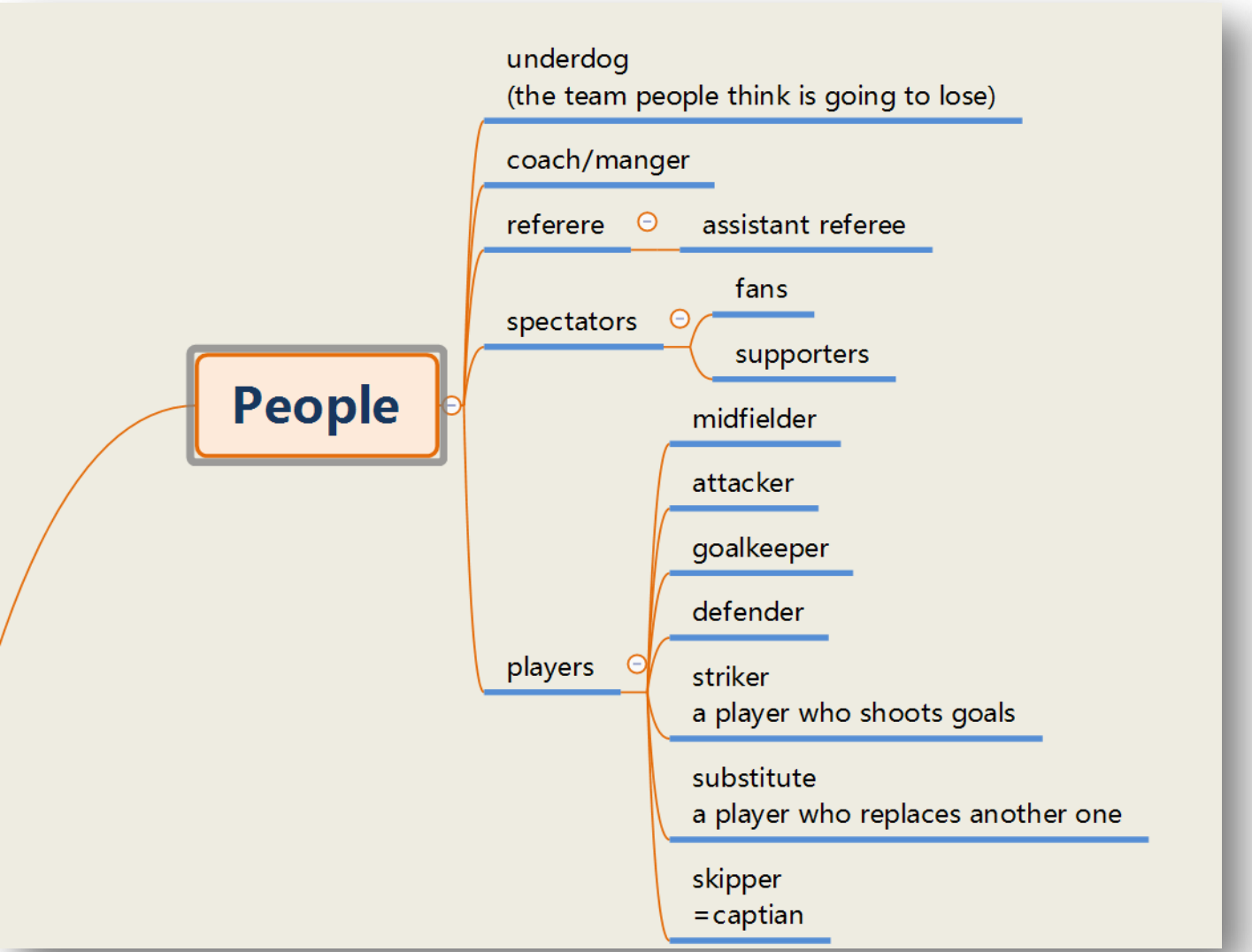
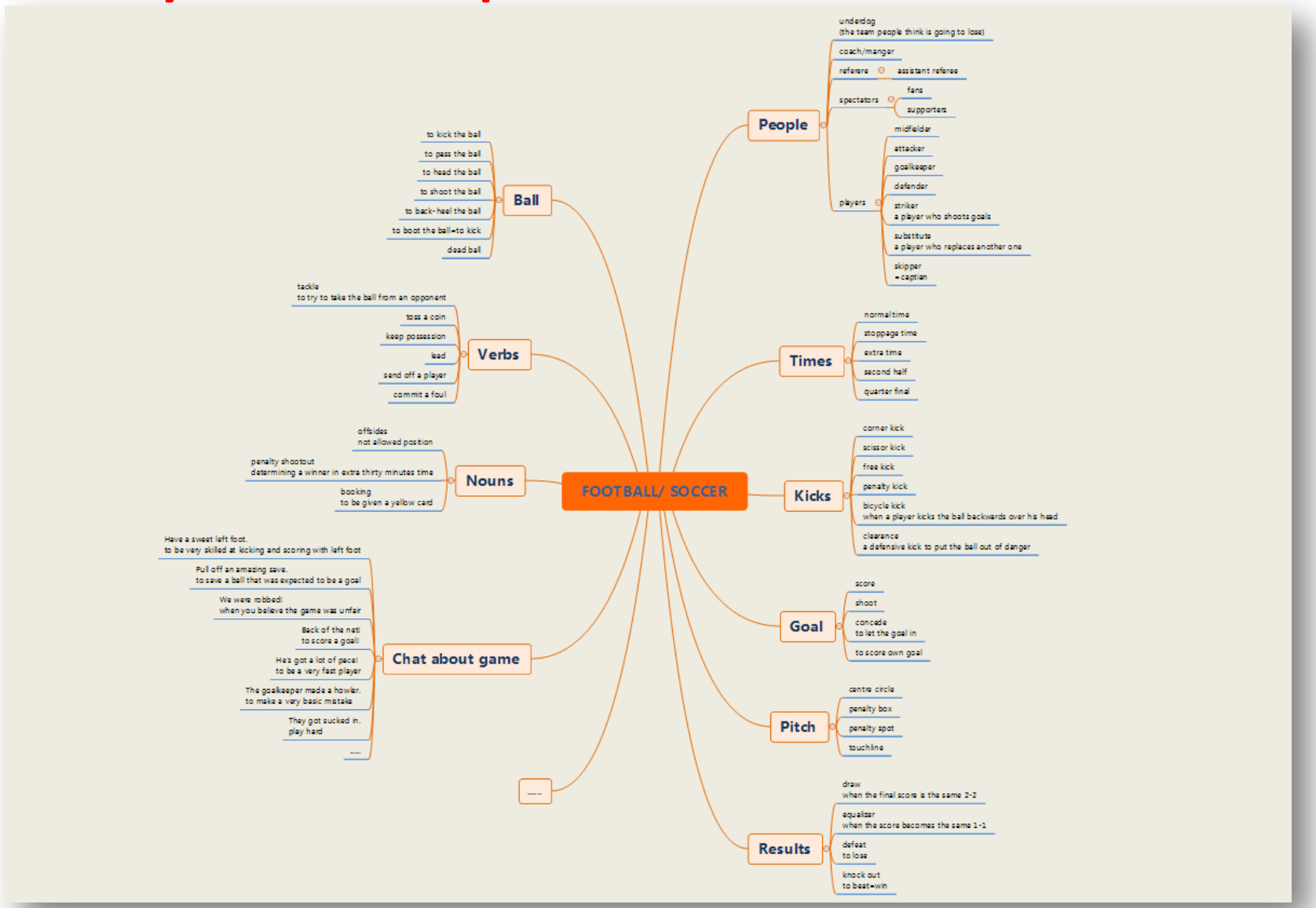
Visualization



Authentic expressions

While-reading

Build your own map……



- How do you usually get over difficulties?
- Do you like to read with annotation?

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