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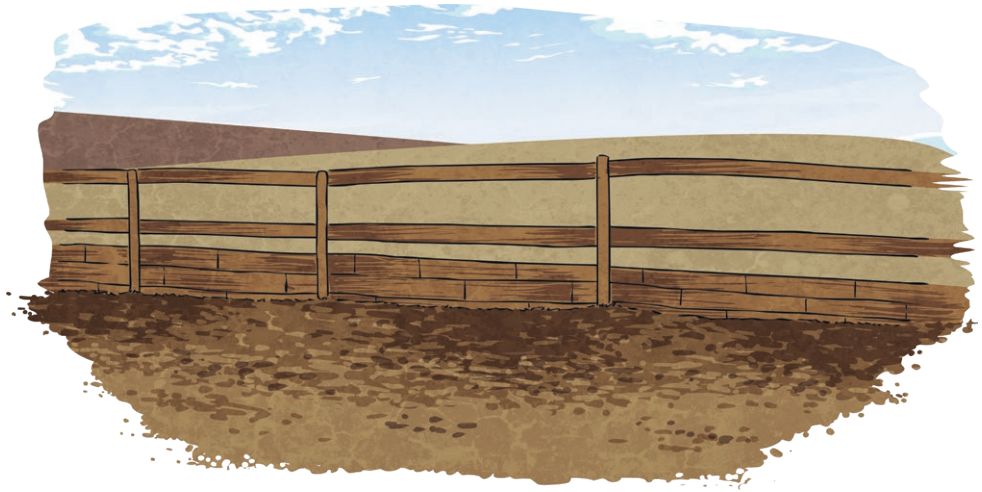

Questions

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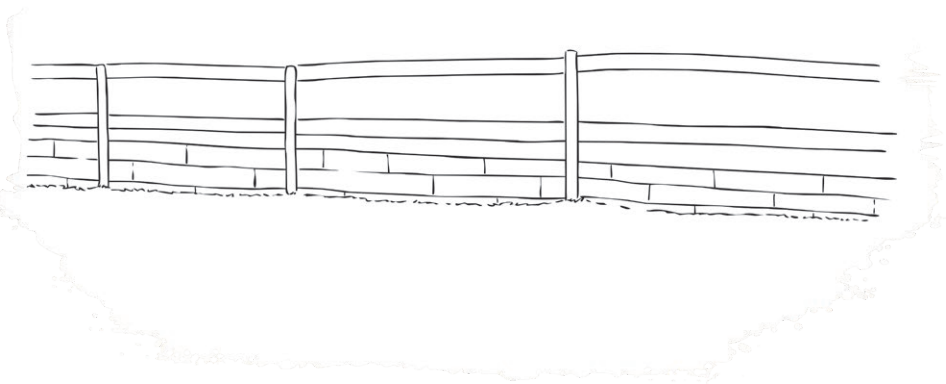

Answers

1. Give one difference between modern and Tudor football.
Accept any of the following: The game takes place over two villages rather than a (100m) pitch; Instead of getting the ball into the opponents' goal, the aim of Tudor football was to get the ball from one village to another; There were few or no rules; Hundreds of people would take part.

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dangerous; chaotic

3. Who banned football in 1540?
In 1540, football was officially banned by Henry VIII.

4. Would you have liked to take part in Tudor football? Explain your answer.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I would have not liked to take part in football because it sounded very dangerous and overcrowded. I would not have wanted to get hurt.