



טקסטים באנגלית לכיתה ח'

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Soccer

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 - B. More than 200 countries took part in it.
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 - A. Football
 - B. American Football
 - C. Mundial
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6. Which of the following is NOT true according to the last paragraph?
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