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Men to be NFL cheerleaders for first time ever

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THE ARTICLE

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Fans of the USA's National Football League (NFL) will soon be in for a surprise. For the first time ever, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders in its ranks. The Los Angeles Rams have recruited two men as part of its official spirit squad (the term often given to the cheerleader team). Quinton Peron and Napoleon Jinnies will be the first men in NFL history to perform the same dance routines alongside their female counterparts. Other NFL teams have men who perform stunts, but they do not dance. Quinton and Napoleon are both classically trained dancers with years of performing experience. They were selected after impressing judges in a rigorous three-week-long process of auditions and interviews.

The current captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, enthused about her new colleagues in an interview on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They really just fit the bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are more than qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." Leibert added: "They bring so much energy and there's something so magnetic about their performance that you really can't take your eyes off them." Napoleon was equally enthusiastic about joining the Rams. He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity and said he was "humbled" by his new role. He said he wanted to prove that "boys can dance too".

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WARM-UPS

1. CHEERLEADERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cheerleaders. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

surprise / first time / cheerleader / spirit / history / dance routines / stunts / interview captain / colleagues / intelligent / eloquent / magnetic / performance / inclusivity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TEAM: Students A **strongly** believe cheerleaders are an important part of a sports team; Students B **strongly** believe they are not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SPORTS: What are the good and bad things about these sports? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
American football		
Baseball		
Basketball		
Ice hockey		
Soccer		
Track and field		

5. FOOTBALL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "football". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CHEERLEADING: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about cheerleading at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the dance routines
- the football games
- the uniforms
- colleagues
- entertaining the public
- staying fit
- the glamor
- the competition

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| 1. fans | a. An interview for a particular role or job as a singer, actor, dancer, or musician, consisting of a practical demonstration of the candidate's suitability and skill. |
| 2. recruited | b. The quality of courage, energy, and determination. |
| 3. spirit | c. A set sequence in a performance such as a dance or comedy act. |
| 4. squad | d. A person who has a strong interest in or admiration for a particular person or thing. |
| 5. routines | e. Harsh and demanding. |
| 6. rigorous | f. Took someone on as a member or worker in an organization or as a supporter of a cause. |
| 7. audition | g. A group of sports players or competitors from which a team is chosen. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. enthused | h. Fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing. |
| 9. colleagues | i. A person with whom one works in a profession or business. |
| 10. fit the bill | j. An intention or policy of including people who might otherwise be excluded. |
| 11. eloquent | k. Said something that expresses one's eager enjoyment, interest, or approval. |
| 12. ambassadors | l. A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. |
| 13. magnetic | m. Be suitable for a particular purpose. |
| 14. inclusivity | n. Very attractive. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. NFL fans will not be in for a surprise regarding male cheerleaders. **T / F**
- b. The LA Rams have recruited two male cheerleaders. **T / F**
- c. The new LA Rams cheerleaders will have to perform stunts. **T / F**
- d. The process of auditions was three days long. **T / F**
- e. The cheerleading captain was not happy about men joining her team. **T / F**
- f. The captain said on TV that the men really fit the bill. **T / F**
- g. The captain said the men were qualified to be community ambassadors. **T / F**
- h. One of the men said he felt humbled by becoming a cheerleader. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. fans | a. representatives |
| 2. recruited | b. procedure |
| 3. perform | c. chosen |
| 4. selected | d. demonstrate |
| 5. process | e. raved |
| 6. enthused | f. supporters |
| 7. eloquent | g. attractive |
| 8. ambassadors | h. articulate |
| 9. magnetic | i. enlisted |
| 10. prove | j. carry out |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. have male cheerleaders | a. trained dancers |
| 2. alongside their female | b. welcoming inclusivity |
| 3. both classically | c. interviews |
| 4. a rigorous three-week-long | d. about her new colleagues |
| 5. auditions and | e. their performance |
| 6. enthused | f. in its ranks |
| 7. They really just fit | g. to be ambassadors |
| 8. they are more than qualified | h. counterparts |
| 9. there's something so magnetic about | i. process |
| 10. He praised the team for | j. the bill |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

Fans of the USA's National Football League (NFL) will soon be in for a (1) _____. For the first time ever, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders in its (2) _____. The Los Angeles Rams have recruited two men as part of its official spirit squad (the (3) _____ often given to the cheerleader team). Quinton Peron and Napoleon Jinnies will be the first men in NFL history to perform the same dance (4) _____ alongside their female (5) _____. Other NFL teams have men who perform stunts, but they do not dance. Quinton and Napoleon are both (6) _____ trained dancers with years of performing experience. They were selected after (7) _____ judges in a rigorous three-week-long process of (8) _____ and interviews.

term
classically
ranks
auditions
counterparts
surprise
impressing
routines

The (9) _____ captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, enthused about her new (10) _____ in an interview on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They really just fit the (11) _____ to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are (12) _____; they are more than qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." Leibert added: "They bring so much energy and there's something so (13) _____ about their performance that you really can't take your (14) _____ off them." Napoleon was equally enthusiastic about joining the Rams. He praised the team for welcoming (15) _____ and said he was "humbled" by his new role. He said he wanted to (16) _____ that "boys can dance too".

bill
eyes
colleagues
prove
eloquent
inclusivity
current
magnetic

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

- 1) Fans of the USA's National Football League (NFL) will soon be in _____
 - a. for the surprise
 - b. for a surprise
 - c. from a surprise
 - d. of a surprise
- 2) For the first time ever, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders _____
 - a. in this ranks
 - b. in its ranks
 - c. in knits ranks
 - d. in nits ranks
- 3) The Los Angeles Rams have recruited two men as part of its _____
 - a. official spirit squad
 - b. officials spirit squad
 - c. official spirits squad
 - d. official spirit squads
- 4) perform the same dance routines alongside their _____
 - a. four male counterparts
 - b. for male counterparts
 - c. female counterparts
 - d. femur counterparts
- 5) selected after impressing judges in a rigorous three-week-long _____
 - a. pros sales of auditions
 - b. protest of auditions
 - c. progress of auditions
 - d. process of auditions
- 6) Emily Leibert, enthused about her new colleagues _____
 - a. in her interview
 - b. in the interview
 - c. inner interview
 - d. in an interview
- 7) they are more than qualified to be ambassadors _____ community
 - a. outer in the
 - b. out in the
 - c. outing the
 - d. outer the
- 8) They bring so much energy and there's something so magnetic about _____
 - a. their performance
 - b. there performance
 - c. they're performance
 - d. the performance
- 9) He praised the team for _____
 - a. welcoming in inclusivity
 - b. welcoming inclusivity
 - c. welcome in inclusivity
 - d. well come in inclusivity
- 10) He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity and said he was "humbled" by _____
 - a. his new role
 - b. his newly role
 - c. his news role
 - d. his newt role

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The (7) _____ the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, enthused about her new colleagues (8) _____ on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They really just fit the bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are (9) _____ to be ambassadors out in the community." Leibert added: "They bring (10) _____ and there's something so magnetic about their performance that you really can't take your eyes off them." Napoleon (11) _____ about joining the Rams. He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity and said he was "humbled" by his new role. He said he wanted (12) _____ "boys can dance too".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

1. What did the article say NFL fans are in for?
2. What is the name of the NFL team in the article?
3. What do men in other NFL teams do?
4. What kind of training do the two men have?
5. How long was the interview process?
6. What is Emily Leibert's position in the team?
7. What did Emily Leibert say the two men fit?
8. What did Emily Leibert say the two men are more than qualified to be?
9. What did Napoleon praise the team for welcoming?
10. What does Napoleon want to prove?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

- 1) What did the article say NFL fans are in for?
 - a) a night
 - b) a surprise
 - c) a game
 - d) a win
- 2) What is the name of the NFL team in the article?
 - a) Vegas Vagabonds
 - b) DC Raiders
 - c) NY Jets
 - d) LA Rams
- 3) What do men in other NFL teams do?
 - a) stunts
 - b) sing
 - c) magic
 - d) mime
- 4) What kind of training do the two men have?
 - a) jazz training
 - b) Morris dancing
 - c) classical training
 - d) hip-hop training
- 5) How long was the interview process?
 - a) a weekend
 - b) three weeks
 - c) two weeks
 - d) 10 days
- 6) What is Emily Leibert's position in the team?
 - a) manager
 - b) quarterback
 - c) cheerleader captain
 - d) talent scout
- 7) What did Emily Leibert say the two men fit?
 - a) the dressing room
 - b) their costumes
 - c) together
 - d) the bill
- 8) What did Emily Leibert say the two men are more than qualified to be?
 - a) ambassadors
 - b) magnets
 - c) enthusiasts
 - d) running backs
- 9) What did Napoleon praise the team for welcoming?
 - a) inclusivity
 - b) fans
 - c) the media
 - d) pets
- 10) What does Napoleon want to prove?
 - a) the LA Rams are best
 - b) that boys can dance
 - c) he's the number one dancer
 - d) the NFL is best

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Entertaining the Public

You think entertaining the public would be the best thing about being a cheerleader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dancing, the uniform or the glamor.

Role B – Dancing

You think dancing would be the best thing about being a cheerleader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): entertaining the public, the uniform or the glamor.

Role C – The Uniform

You think the uniform would be the best thing about being a cheerleader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dancing, entertaining the public or the glamor.

Role D – The Glamor

You think the glamor would be the best thing about being a cheerleader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dancing, the uniform or entertaining the public.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180331-cheerleaders.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'cheer' and 'leader'.

cheer	leader
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• surprise• ranks• spirit• same• both• process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• fit• more• much• really• boys
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CHEERLEADERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cheerleaders in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CHEERLEADERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'cheerleader'?
3. What do you think of the NFL?
4. What do you think of cheerleaders?
5. What was the last surprise you had?
6. Why have there not been male cheerleaders before?
7. What do cheerleaders add to sporting events?
8. Do we need cheerleaders in other areas of life?
9. What is the life of a dancer like?
10. What do you think of American sports?

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CHEERLEADERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'dancer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about the work of a cheerleader?
15. Are cheerleaders important?
16. Do you fit the bill in your job?
17. What do you bring a lot of energy to?
18. How successful do you think the two men will be?
19. Would you be a good cheerleader?
20. What questions would you like to ask the male cheerleaders?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The current captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, (7) _____ about her new colleagues in an interview on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They really just (8) _____ the bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are more (9) _____ qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." Leibert added: "They bring so much energy and there's something so (10) _____ about their performance that you really can't take your eyes off them." Napoleon was (11) _____ enthusiastic about joining the Rams. He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity and said he was "(12) _____" by his new role. He said he wanted to prove that "boys can dance too".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) sooner | (b) soon | (c) soonish | (d) soonest |
| 2. | (a) tanks | (b) ranks | (c) hanks | (d) banks |
| 3. | (a) parting | (b) party | (c) partner | (d) part |
| 4. | (a) longing | (b) alongside | (c) longed | (d) siding |
| 5. | (a) train | (b) trained | (c) trainer | (d) trains |
| 6. | (a) audios | (b) audiences | (c) auditions | (d) audacity |
| 7. | (a) enthusiastically | (b) enthusiasm | (c) enthused | (d) enthusiastic |
| 8. | (a) bit | (b) lit | (c) fit | (d) wit |
| 9. | (a) that | (b) so | (c) such | (d) than |
| 10. | (a) magenta | (b) magnetism | (c) magnet | (d) magnetic |
| 11. | (a) equally | (b) equaled | (c) equality | (d) equalized |
| 12. | (a) assembled | (b) crumpled | (c) humbled | (d) dimpled |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. cedreiurt two men
2. part of its official spirit uqdas
3. alongside their female rpuoatnretsc
4. llasyacsilc trained dancers
5. a oruigosr three-week-long process
6. aotdunsii and interviews

Paragraph 2

7. sehduetn about her new colleagues
8. they are eotequln
9. qualified to be odassbamras
10. something so gmaintce
11. He praised the team for welcoming ciilusitvny
12. he was "delumhb" by his new role

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () will be the first men in NFL history to perform the same dance routines alongside their female
- () qualified to be ambassadors out in the community." Leibert added: "They bring so much energy and there's something so
- () The current captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, enthused about her new colleagues in an
- () counterparts. Other NFL teams have men who perform stunts, but they do not dance. Quinton and Napoleon are both classically
- () trained dancers with years of performing experience. They were selected after
- () he was "humbled" by his new role. He said he wanted to prove that "boys can dance too".
- () was equally enthusiastic about joining the Rams. He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity and said
- () impressing judges in a rigorous three-week-long process of auditions and interviews.
- () magnetic about their performance that you really can't take your eyes off them." Napoleon
- (**1**) Fans of the USA's National Football League (NFL) will soon be in for a surprise. For the first time
- () of its official spirit squad (the term often given to the cheerleader team). Quinton Peron and Napoleon Jinnies
- () ever, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders in its ranks. The Los Angeles Rams have recruited two men as part
- () bill to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are more than
- () interview on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They really just fit the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. fans will NFL in for be surprise . a
2. two men Recruited spirit to squad . official its
3. teams NFL Other men perform have stunts . who
4. experience . trained performing with Classically years dancers of
5. rigorous of A three-week-long auditions . process
6. enthused current about The her colleagues . captain new
7. qualified are to ambassadors . be They more than
8. so something There's their magnetic performance . about
9. He team for the praised inclusivity . welcoming
10. can that boys wanted prove dance . He to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Fans of the USA's National Football League (NFL) will soon be *on / in* for a surprise. For the first time ever, an NFL team will have male cheerleaders in its *banks / ranks*. The Los Angeles Rams have *recruited / recruits* two men as part of its official spirit squad (the *term / tome* often given to the cheerleader team). Quinton Peron and Napoleon Jinnies will be the first men in NFL history to perform the same dance routines *longing / alongside* their female *counteracts / counterparts*. Other NFL teams have men who perform *stunts / stints*, but they do not dance. Quinton and Napoleon are both classically trained dancers *with / within* years of performing experience. They were selected after impressing judges in a *rigor / rigorous* three-week-long process of *auditions / ordeals* and interviews.

The *currant / current* captain of the LA Rams cheerleader squad, Emily Leibert, *enthused / bemused* about her new *collages / colleagues* in an interview on the TV show Good Morning America. She said: "They *really / real* just fit the *bill / pill* to be a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader. They are intelligent; they are eloquent; they are more than qualified to be ambassadors *out / around* in the community." Leibert added: "They bring so much energy and there's something *such / so* magnetic about their performance that you really can't *take / away* your eyes off them." Napoleon was equally enthusiastic about joining the Rams. He *praised / appraised* the team for welcoming inclusivity and said he was "humbled" *on / by* his new role. He said he wanted to prove that "boys can dance too".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F_n s _f t h_ U S A ' s N_t__ n_l F__ t b_l l L__ g__
(N F L) w_l l s__ n b__ n f_r _ s_r p_r_s_. F_r t
h_ f_r s t t_m_ _v_r , _n N F L t__ m w_l l h_v_
m_l_ c h__ r l__ d_r s _n _t_s r_n k_s . T_h_ L_s A n
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c_ r__ t_n_s _l_n g_s_d_ t_h__ r f_m_l_ c__ n t_r p_r t
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w_r_ s_l_c t_d _f t_r _m p_r s_s_n g j_d g_s _n _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHEERLEADERS: Make a poster about cheerleaders. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SPIRIT SQUAD: Write a magazine article about sports teams needing spirit squads and male cheerleaders. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on cheerleaders. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how cheerleaders can help their teams more. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. k 9. i 10. m 11. h 12. l 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. fans | a. supporters |
| 2. recruited | b. enlisted |
| 3. perform | c. carry out |
| 4. selected | d. chosen |
| 5. process | e. procedure |
| 6. enthused | f. raved |
| 7. eloquent | g. articulate |
| 8. ambassadors | h. representatives |
| 9. magnetic | i. attractive |
| 10. prove | j. demonstrate |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A surprise
2. LA Rams
3. Stunts
4. Classical training
5. Three weeks
6. Cheerleader captain
7. The bill
8. Ambassadors
9. Inclusivity
10. That "boys can dance too"

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. NFL fans will be in for a surprise.
2. Recruited two men to its official spirit squad.
3. Other NFL teams have men who perform stunts.
4. Classically trained dancers with years of performing experience.
5. A rigorous three-week-long process of auditions.
6. The current captain enthused about her new colleagues.
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8. There's something so magnetic about their performance.
9. He praised the team for welcoming inclusivity.
10. He wanted to prove that boys can dance.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)