

DICTIONARY WORK

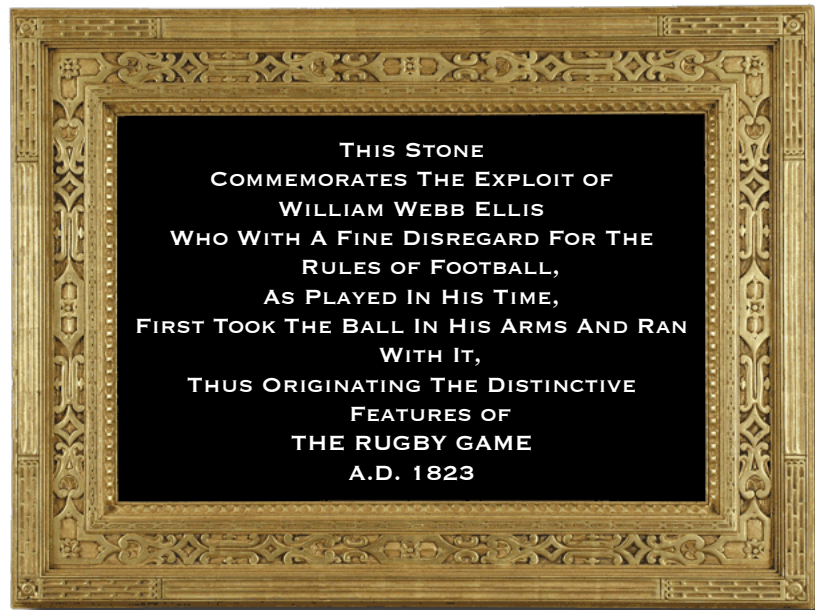
Level 3-4

Read the following passage and try to work out the meanings of the words listed below. Check each meaning in a dictionary and record your findings.

From the rough country paddock with its wooden goal posts to the well-groomed fields of major playing stadiums, rugby has become the sporting passion of a great many New Zealanders. But where did the game come from?

The most widely known tale of the origins of rugby was that a pupil at Rugby School in Warwickshire in England, William Webb Ellis, ignored the rules of a game like soccer played at the time and picked up the ball and ran with it.

Games involving running with a ball in hand may have existed for centuries before that. However, a stone at Rugby School commemorates William Webb Ellis's deed on the Rugby School grounds with the inscription:



| Word | What You Think It Means | Dictionary Meaning |
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| groomed | | |
| stadiums | | |
| origins | | |
| existed | | |
| centuries | | |
| deed | | |
| commemorated | | |
| inscription | | |
| exploit | | |
| disregard | | |
| originating | | |
| distinctive | | |