# American Football Positions

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. In a typical running play, which position most often takes a handoff and carries the ball upfield?
   A. Running back
   B. Cornerback
   C. Punter
   D. Defensive tackle

2. Which position usually looks downfield and chooses which receiver to throw to on a passing play?
   A. Defensive end
   B. Offensive guard
   C. Quarterback
   D. Placekicker

3. Which offensive position commonly begins a play near a sideline and runs a route to catch a pass?
   A. Offensive center
   B. Wide receiver
   C. Linebacker
   D. Defensive tackle

4. Which defender often lines up across from a wide receiver in man coverage?
   A. Center
   B. Offensive tackle
   C. Running back
   D. Cornerback

5. Which defensive position commonly begins a play behind the cornerbacks and provides help on deep passes?
   A. Offensive guard
   B. Safety
   C. Nose tackle
   D. Fullback

6. The offensive line has a center with one teammate immediately on either side. What are the two positions next to the center called?

A. Guards
B. Tackles
C. Tight ends
D. Slot receivers

7. On a typical five-player offensive line, which position is outside the guard but inside a tight end who lines up next to the line?

A. Slot receiver
B. Center
C. Safety
D. Offensive tackle

8. One eligible offensive player blocks next to a tackle on one play, then runs a route from that spot on the next. Which usual position fits?

A. Nose tackle
B. Left guard
C. Tight end
D. Cornerback

9. Which defenders usually align behind the defensive line and can either help stop a run or drop into pass coverage?

A. Linebackers
B. Offensive guards
C. Tight ends
D. Punters

10. On a common field goal setup, which player receives the snap and puts the ball on the ground for the kicker?

A. Cornerback
B. Returner
C. Gunner
D. Holder

11. A fullback and a tailback line up directly behind the quarterback. The fullback is closer to the line. Who is in position to lead the tailback through a gap?

A. The punter
B. The tailback
C. The fullback
D. The outside cornerback

12. In a three-lineman defensive front, what is the position called when the middle lineman aligns directly across from the offensive center?

A. Slot cornerback
B. Nose tackle
C. Outside linebacker
D. Free safety

13. A defense replaces one linebacker with an extra defensive back and now plays with five defensive backs. What is that personnel package called?

A. Victory formation
B. Dime
C. Goal-line offense
D. Nickel

14. A diagram labels a defense as a 3–4. Under the usual naming convention, how many defensive linemen and linebackers are on the field in that base personnel?

A. Three linemen and four linebackers
B. Four linemen and three linebackers
C. Three linemen and four cornerbacks
D. Four linemen and four linebackers

15. For a conventional punt, which pair acts first on the kicking team, in order?

A. The punter snaps the ball, then the safety fields it.
B. The holder fields the ball, then the returner kicks it.
C. The long snapper sends the ball back, then the punter fields it.
D. The placekicker holds the ball, then the long snapper kicks it.