

ANALOGIZING FOOTBALL AND READING

Analogies are brain-friendly: They making learning more concrete and efficient. The chart below presents an analogy between reading and football that helps students grasp certain reading skills more easily.

FOOTBALL	READING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a range of possible <i>plays</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a range of possible <i>ideas</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a <i>coach</i> who decides which play to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an <i>author</i> who decides on the <i>main idea</i> to be presented
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a <i>quarterback</i> who announces or signals the coach's play to the team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a <i>main idea sentence</i> (stated or implied) that announces the author's most important point in a paragraph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>rest of the team</i>, who help carry out the play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>details</i> that <i>support</i> the main idea (make it more understandable)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the <i>formation</i> the coach uses to line up the players so they can best carry out the play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a <i>writing pattern</i> (an organizational pattern) the author uses to arrange the details in the most logical way