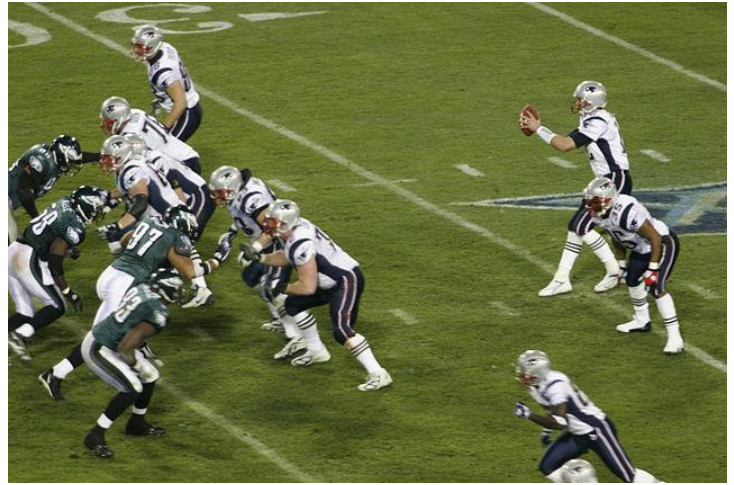


Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

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**Tom Brady (New England Patriots) throwing the ball in the Super Bowl XXXIX.**

Image: Lance Cpl. Edward L. Mennenga, USMC

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TV broadcast in recent history with over a hundred million people in the USA watching it.

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<b>1</b>	for	between	against	towards
<b>2</b>	contest	rival	match	compete
<b>3</b>	which	where	who	whose
<b>4</b>	event	space	part	place
<b>5</b>	was	was being	has been	had been
<b>6</b>	Because	Despite	While	When
<b>7</b>	announcing	advertising	buying	marketing
<b>8</b>	In addition	Nevertheless	In spite of	Although
<b>9</b>	figures	characters	popularity	celebrities
<b>10</b>	story	history	past	times
<b>11</b>	will hold	was held	is held	has held
<b>12</b>	in advance	in the future	ahead	afterwards
<b>13</b>	everyday	usual	often	frequent
<b>14</b>	average	typical	standard	common

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