《英语口语：谈论美式足球（2）》

Chris???Ben??????????????Ben??

B: So sports is a way for people to bond?

C: Yeah. During holidays like Thanksgiving my family will sit around in front of the television and watch a football game together. It's a social occasion...enjoying the game and each other's company.

B: I'm not sure if Chinese people approach sports in the same way. If it's something that can bring glory to China's national team - such as Olympic table tennis or diving - then everyone watches the event together.

MC: ??????????????????a way for people to bond. Chris??????????????????enjoy the game and each other's company. ??????????Ben??

C: I think in America people are often loyal to their regional team. In college you root for your school's team and then when you settle down somewhere you follow that area's team.

B: So what's your favorite team?

C: I actually have two favorites. I grew up in New York so I'm first and foremost a New York Jets fan, but I went to school in Baltimore so I also like the Baltimore Ravens.

Chris??root for ??????????????Chris?????????????????????I'm first and foremost a New York Jets fan, ????????????first and foremost ????????????????????????????????

B: What happens when the teams play against each other?

C: (chuckle) I usually support the New York Jets. But if the Ravens win it's not too bad.

B: I have to confess I don't actually understand how American football works. It kind of looks like a war to me.

C: Actually, football is like a war. Each team tries to advance the ball through enemy territory to the end zone. It evolved from the English game of rugby which is also kind of like a battle between two armies.

Ben??????????????????????????????Chris???football is like a war.???????????????????????????? enemy territory, ?? end zone ????Chris???????????????????????????? rugby is spelled r-u-g-b-y, rugby????evolve is spelled e-v-o-l-v-e, evolve ?????????

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