

# Glendale, Arizona

## Activity 1

### What do these numbers refer to?

1. 1920 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 1960 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 1967 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 90 million \_\_\_\_\_
5. 2007 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 42 \_\_\_\_\_



## Activity 2

### Answer the following questions:

1. After how many years did the NFL and AFL merge?  
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2. What was the winning margin of the first ever Superbowl?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years passed from Green Bay's second and third Superbowls?  
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4. How is Superbowl Sunday compared to Thanksgiving day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. When is the Superbowl?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where was the match held in 2006?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Was the 2008 Superbowl expressed as *FORTY TWO*, *42* or *XLII*?  
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## Activity 3

### Listen and complete the gaps

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The venue for the match changes every year. In 2008 it was held in Arizona, 2007's game was in Miami and Detroit \_\_\_\_\_ the one before that. The very first Superbowl was held in Los Angeles.

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