

High-Intermediate 1
Unit 3: Reading
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Two TV sportscasters are talking about a game in their program, "The Halftime Report." Read this transcript of "The Halftime Report."

sportscaster = sports commentator; sports reporter

transcript (noun) = a written or printed copy of words which have been spoken

transcribe (verb) = to convert speech into text

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host = presenter; anchor

aggressively = violently

folks = people



Bulls = Chicago Bulls

Lakers = Los Angeles Lakers

battle (verb) = fight against

lead (verb) = be ahead; be winning

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WILL: The second half is ready to begin! See you again after the game.

sprain (verb) = to cause an injury to a joint (= a place where two bones are connected) by a sudden movement

ankle = the joint between the foot and the leg, or the thin part of the leg just above the foot

wrist = the part of the body between the hand and the arm

lately = recently
go on = continue
as = when, while
except = other than, excluding
consistently = regularly, without change



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Shaquille O'Neal



Toni Kukoc

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Summary:

In the halftime report, sportscasters Ron and Willie discuss the Bulls vs. Lakers game. The Bulls are leading 47 to 44, but both teams have lost key players: Michael Jordan due to an ankle injury and Shaquille O'Neal because of fouls. They highlight Toni Kukoc's impressive and increasingly aggressive performance as the season progresses. They sign off as the second half of the game begins. 🏀🗣️

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