

Is Football a Waste of Time?

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Activity 1

Read the following questions and discuss them with your partner.

1. Why, in your opinion, is football (also known as soccer) so popular? What is the point of kicking a ball around for an hour and a half? Is football a waste of time?
2. Do you think footballers are paid too much? Do they receive too much attention from the media?
3. How responsible should football players be to their fans? Do younger fans try to emulate football celebrities? Should popular players be seen to behave well both on and off the pitch in order to set an example to impressionable fans?
4. How should players be dealt with for bad behaviour such as spitting at, or kicking another player maliciously during a match?
5. Why does football have hooligans when other sports such as cricket, rugby and American football don't? What can be done to reduce football hooliganism?
6. Children often want to emulate their football heroes to the point of wanting to wear their team's 'kit'. Is it right that football clubs have taken to changing their kit every season, thus obliging parents to buy new kit for their kids every few months?

Activity 2

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. When and where did football originate?
2. Which part of a bull did the Romans use as a ball?
3. When did soccer become a part of the Olympic Games?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 3

Should the referee's decision be final or should decisions be made with the help of video footage such as slow-motion replays?

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject why not go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there?

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