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Premier Skills focuses on developing community coaches and referees and on supporting community projects. The programme has also created a range of materials, including a dedicated website, using football-based content for teachers and learners of English.
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Aims of this workshop

• To understand the importance of motivation in different contexts
• To look at what motivation means in the language classroom
• To evaluate potentially motivating material from the Premier Skills English website
How do you define motivation?
Motivation… involves:

▪ the reasons why we want to learn,
▪ the strength of our desire to learn,
▪ the kind of person we are, and
▪ the task…

Why is motivation important?
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Which aspect can a teacher influence?

Desire to learn
The task
Over to you
1. Set a personal example with your own behaviour.
2. Create a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere in the classroom.
3. Present the tasks properly.
4. Develop a good relationship with the learners.
5. Increase the learners’ linguistic self-confidence.
6. Make the language classes interesting.
7. Promote learner autonomy.
8. Personalise the learning process.
9. Increase the learners’ goal-orientedness.
10. Familiarise learners with the target language culture.
Focus:

1. Familiarise learners with the target language culture.
2. Personalise the learning process.
3. Promote learner autonomy.
4. Make the language classes interesting.
Goal
This is the amazing story of Josh Jones and friends. Read and listen to the comics and then do the language activities.