



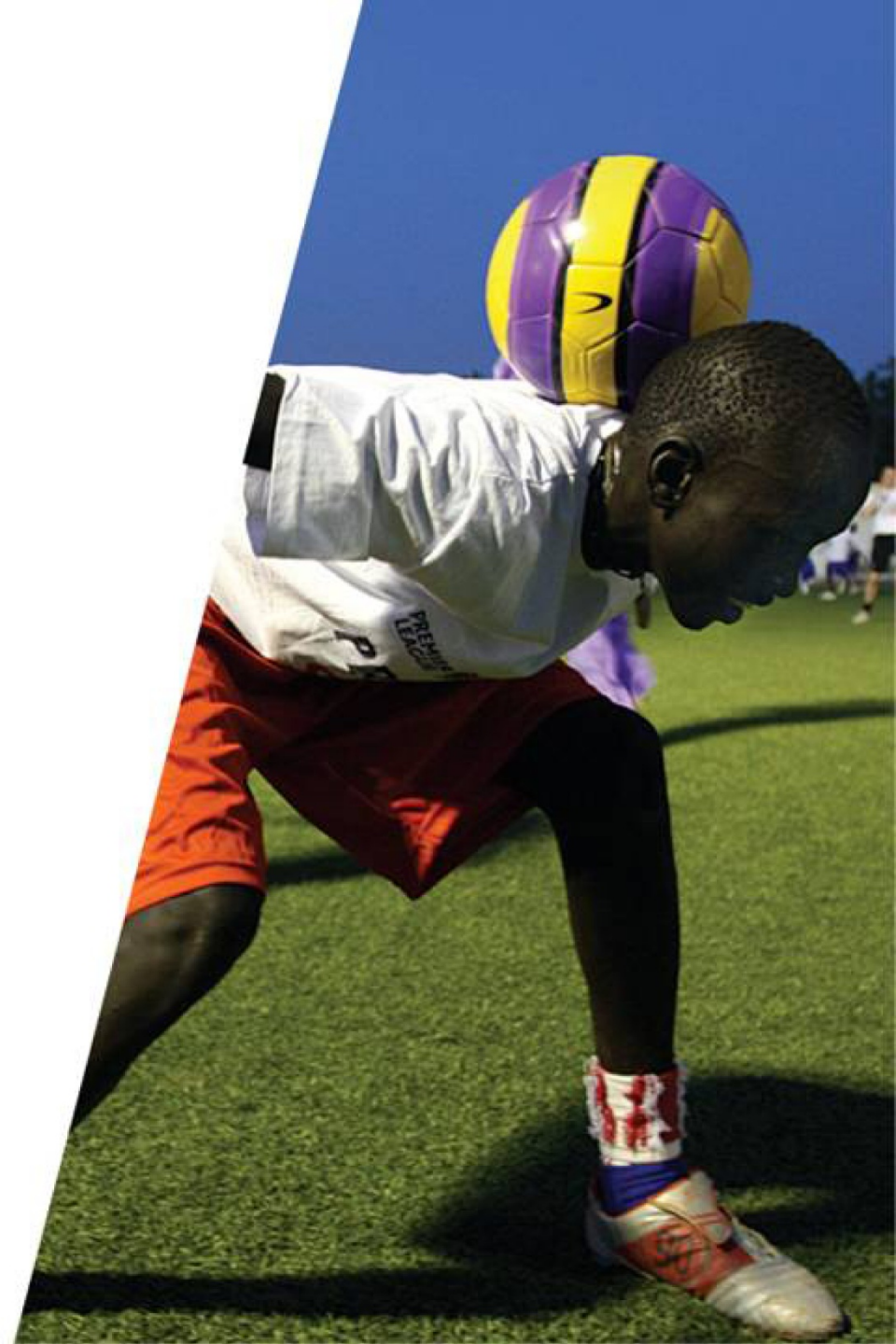
# PREMIER SKILLS ENGLISH

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LEARNER AUTONOMY

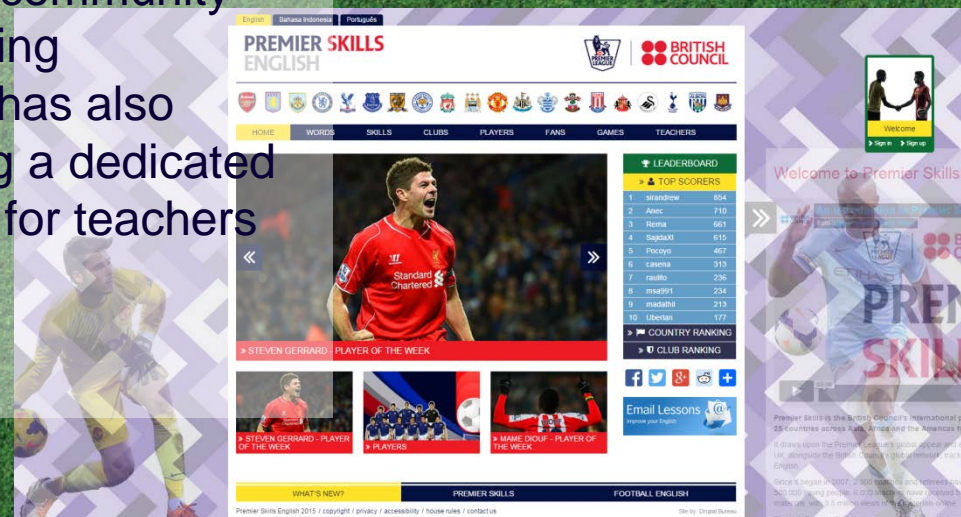
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Premier Skills is the British Council's international partnership with the Premier League operating in 25 countries across Asia, Africa and the Americas from Afghanistan to Zambia.

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.



The screenshot shows the Premier Skills English website. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'English', 'Bahasa Indonesia', and 'Português'. The main header includes the Premier Skills and British Council logos. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: HOME, WORDS, SKILLS, CLUBS, PLAYERS, FANS, GAMES, and TEACHERS. The main content area features a large image of Steven Gerrard in a Liverpool kit, with the text 'STEVEN GERRARD - PLAYER OF THE WEEK'. To the right, there is a 'LEADERBOARD' section with a table of top scorers:

TOP SCORERS	
1	sifandrow 804
2	Alec 710
3	Nama 681
4	Sagiso 515
5	Pacoyo 467
6	casena 313
7	raullo 236
8	maupri 204
9	midathi 213
10	libertad 177

Below the leaderboard, there are sections for 'COUNTRY RANKING' and 'CLUB RANKING'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, along with an 'Email Lessons' button. The footer contains the text 'Premier Skills English 2015 / copyright / privacy / accessibility / house rules / contact' and '© 2015 British Council'.



## ACTIVITY MAP 2007-14

- 1 Egypt
- 2 India
- 3 Uganda
- 4 Botswana
- 5 Cameroon
- 6 China
- 7 Kenya
- 8 Malawi
- 9 Malaysia
- 10 Morocco
- 11 Senegal
- 12 Korea
- 13 Sudan
- 14 Tunisia
- 15 Vietnam
- 16 Ethiopia
- 17 Brazil
- 18 Indonesia
- 19 Mexico
- 20 Nigeria
- 21 Afghanistan
- 22 Qatar
- 23 South Africa
- 24 USA
- 25 Zambia
- 26 Sri Lanka
- 27 Sierra Leone
- 28 Burma





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## Aims of this workshop

- To define the term 'learner autonomy' and understand why it is beneficial for language learners
- To look at ways a teacher can encourage learner autonomy
- To consider those in the context of Premier Skills materials





How do you define  
learner autonomy?

## Learner autonomy: what it's **not**

- learning a language on your own
- studying online
- a methodology/approach
- complete absence of a teacher

So what is it?

*...the ability to take charge of one's learning... to have, and to hold, the responsibility for all the decisions concerning all aspects of this learning.*

Holec, H. (1981). *Autonomy in foreign language learning*. Oxford: Pergamon



## Learner autonomy – more detail





Why do it?

How to encourage it





Learner autonomy strategies

Reflective activities

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## Learner training





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Project-based learning



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## E-learning tools





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