Player Interviews

We asked seven big names, including Didier Drogba and Petr Cech, for their opinions about life in England and learning English. Find out what they said. For each of the questions, there’s an exercise to test your comprehension.

Before you watch

You are going to listen to the players answer the question “What do you like most about living in the UK?”

Think about the following:

1. What do you think the players will like about living in the UK?
2. What topics do you think they will talk about?
3. What do you think they will dislike?

Now watch the video. Do they mention any of the topics you thought about?

Activity 1 – Watch again

Now watch the players’ answers again.

How many players talk about …..?

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Activity 2 – Role play (Student A)

You are a famous footballer who has come from England to play for the biggest team in your country.

A journalist is going to interview about your life here.

These are some of the things the journalist might ask about:

- football
- the weather
- the people
- the food
- speaking the language
- your favourite places

What do you, a famous footballer, think about these things? Prepare your answers.
Activity 2 – Role play (Student B)

You are a journalist. You are going to interview a famous English footballer who plays for the biggest team in your country. You want to know what he thinks about life in your country.

Prepare some questions to ask the footballer about these topics:

- football
- the weather
- the people
- the food
- speaking the language
- your favourite places

Answers

Before you watch
Cech says that English football is special
Drogba talks about respect from other fans – and about his children speaking English
Gilberto talks about respect from fans in a restaurant
Kuyt says English people are respectful, friendly and helpful – and that the language is important.
Sun talks about London and football
Ingimarsson talks about the weather and the English sense of humour

Activity 1
Football – 3 (Cech, Drogba, Sun)
Respect – 3 (Drogba, Gilberto, Kuyt)
London - 2 (Sun, Cech)
Weather 1 - Ingimarsson
Speaking English - 3 (Cech, Drogba, Kuyt)