How would you describe Brazilian football?

In this video, the fans talk about the style of Brazilian football. Do you agree with the fans’ opinions? How would you describe football in your country or your favourite club? What is the first adjective you think of? What do you think are the styles of play in some other countries? What’s your opinion about the style of play in some other countries e.g. Spain, Germany and Argentina?

The fans’ ideas

Write the words the fans used to describe Brazilian football underneath the fans.

creative - dynamic - fun - joyful - magical - marvellous - skilful - spontaneous

Andre  Artur  Caio  Fernando  Joao  Karina  Patricia  Sabrina

dynamic

Speaking practice

Look at the adjectives in the top right corner. Speak to your teammate and try to use the vocabulary in your answers.

1. Which is your favourite team?
2. How do they play?
3. How would you like them to play?

Useful Phrases

My team is very _____________.
I wish they’d be more _____________.
Sometimes our football is too _____________.
I love it when my team is _____________.

Writing practice

Your national team have just drawn 0-0 against Canada. It was the worst game of football you have ever seen. Write a note to the national coach. Tell him what is wrong with the team’s style of play and how to make it better. Use as many adjectives as you can.

Dear Coach

The match last week was terrible... _____________

Sometimes our football is too _____________.
I love it when my team is _____________.

I hope to see a better match next time.

Best wishes, _____________

Join the debate

Which team has the best style of play. Is it Brazil or is it Manchester United? Say what you think in our comments section on the website. Look for Fans > Fans in Brazil and give your opinion.
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Transcript

Aloisio: Brazil plays football like it’s a kind of magic.

Karina: There’s lots of energy and cheering and emotion and it’s just really fun to watch.

Peter: The best word to describe Brazil is style. They have style when they play.

Andre: Beautiful and dynamic

Fernando: Creative... spontaneous...

Patricia: Offensive; because we like to attack

Fernando: Innovative

Patricia: Skilful

Artur: Quick, magical

Sabrina: Joyful and improvisation

Caio: With passion and creative

Joao: Amazing and marvellous

Aloisio: We play football when we have a lot of fun when we do it.

Joao Pedro: Brazil plays football with passion no other way because football is included in our routine.

Victor: Perhaps you should wait till the world cup and we can return to this point after.