

Fans in Brazil: We asked football fans in Brazil to talk about football, culture, the English language and the Premier League.

## When you play football, what position do you play?

In this video, the fans talk about playing football.

- Do you play football?
- Where do you play football?
- Who do you play football with?
- Are you good or bad at football?
- Can you think of the different positions on the football pitch? Use the vocabulary to help you. What position do you play?



Karina talking about Brazilian football

## Vocabulary

### Goalkeeper

*the only player who can use their hands*

### Defender

*this player tackles a lot and tries to stop the other team scoring goals*

### Full-back

*a type of defender who plays on the left or right side of the pitch*

### Midfielder

*a player in the centre of the pitch who passes a lot*

### Attacker

*a player who creates and scores goals*

### Striker

*a player who usually scores the most goals*

### Winger

*a type of attacker who plays on the left or right side of the pitch*

## Where do the fans play?

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

*defender - goalkeeper - attacker - midfielder - doesn't say*

1.  Victor	2.  Joao Pedro	3.  Caio	4.  Andre	5.  Joao	6.  Karina	7.  Artur	8.  Aloisio
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## Speaking practice

Look at the players in the Premier League's Team of the Season. Where does each player play? Tell your teammate.

e.g. Peter Cech is the goalkeeper. He plays for Chelsea.



### Who is the best?

- a) Steven Gerrard is a good midfielder, but I would choose Andres Iniesta in my midfield.
- b) Yes, good choice. I think I'd choose the Italian goalkeeper, Buffon, too.

## Join the debate

Which position do you play? Which position is the best? Look for **Fans > Fans in Brazil** and give your opinion.

## Writing practice

You have been asked to write about your dream XI for a football magazine.

Write a note to the magazine. Say which players you have chosen and why.

Dear Football Magazine

I am writing to tell you about my perfect team. As goalkeeper I would choose.....because \_\_\_\_\_

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I hope you agree with my choices.

Best wishes, \_\_\_\_\_

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### Transcript

**Sabrina:** I did actually, when I was in high school, very poorly but I did.

**Victor:** I used to be the goalkeeper in my class. That means, in Brazil, you are not so good.

**Caio:** I like to play in the midfield.

**Joao Pedro:** I am a midfielder.

**Andre:** I'm a defender.

**Joao:** Defender, most of the times.

**Artur:** I'm goalkeeper.

**Karina:** I usually just mark the goals, because I'm just quite good at just kicking in the right direction.

**Aloisio:** Well, I played at a club back down my city, the city where I was born. So I play a lot of championships and every break at the school I play football too, so I play every day like every time.

