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HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about... Football

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Quotes about football

Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it's much more serious than that.



Bill Shankly
Manager of Liverpool FC 1959- 1974

Football has to be fun for kids, or it doesn't make sense.



Johan Cruyff
Dutch footballer and coach, Ballon d'Or winner

I have never once dribbled the whole field and scored a goal by myself.



Abby Wambach
Women's World Cup winner

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Thinking about football

Caring thinking

How important is a football club to its town, city or community?

Collaborative thinking

Does a great team just need the most skilful players?



Creative thinking

Can you complete the sentence: 'Life is a bit like football because...'

Critical thinking

Fair or not: some footballers earn millions of pounds a year, while some supporters can't afford tickets and TV fees.

What are your hopes for your favourite team in the next year / five years?

What is the best memory you have connected with football? Why?

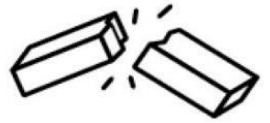
Why do so many very different people around the world enjoy football?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

Is there a difference between a football game and a football match?

What feelings do you experience when you play or watch football?

Is it fair that the average Premier League salary is about £3 million a year?

Even if the average UK salary is about £38,000 a year?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

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Let's talk about why some people enjoy playing games like football

Talking Points

- What do you enjoy most about playing games?
- Is football a game you enjoy? Why / why not?
- Would you rather play in the World Cup or play a game with your friends? Why?

Activities

- You don't need a whole football team to play games with a football! Ask some of the older people in your family about the games they used to play, and have a go at them with your friends.
- Can you make up a game with a football? It could involve trying to get the ball close to a target, or kicking the ball against a wall. What rules will you need – and why do you need them?

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



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Let's talk about diving and fair play

<https://youtu.be/QvcNVvtsnoY>

'Diving' in football means pretending that you have been tripped up so that you win a free kick or a penalty. In this amusing film, the well-known F2 Freestylers demonstrate the 'art' of diving in football.

Talking Points

- Some people say that 'diving' in a football match is clever play. What do you think?
- Would you rather win a game knowing that you cheated, or lose a game knowing that you played fairly?
- What if the game is a really important one, with lots of supporters hoping that their team wins?

Activity

- The rules of football are not fixed – they change from time to time. Think of a rule that it might be fun to do without, or think of a new rule that it might be fun to introduce. Play a game with your changed rules: were the changes for the better or for the worse? Why do we need rules anyway?

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



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Let's talk about football and the community

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/aug/21/former-bury-fc-director-chains-herself-to-drainpipe-to-save-club>

In this film, supporters of Bury FC talk about the club's possible expulsion from the Football League. Their fears were realised as the club was expelled after 125 years.

Talking Points

- “There’s no need for Bury supporters to be upset – they can simply support another team.” Do you agree or disagree, and why?
- Is a club like Bury an important part of a community? What might people have missed when it was gone?

Activity

- Interview members of your family about a football club (or another organisation) that means something to them. When did they first go to a game (or event) and what was it like? What are their best and worst memories? How would they feel if the club (or organisation) disappeared?
- Why not record the interviews to keep?

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