

Talking football

Discuss

Exercise 1.) Answer these questions about football.

- a) What is your favourite football team? Why?
- b) What other teams do you like? Why?
- c) Who is your favourite player? Why?
- d) Who is your favourite manager? Why?
- e) Who is the best footballer in the world? Why?

Reading

Exercise 2.) Read the football report and answer the questions

Newcastle United 6-0 Preston North End

Newcastle dominated Preston with a 6-0 victory to reach the quarter finals of the EFL cup. Serbian striker Mitrovic scored two goals, while other goals were scored by Diame (2), Ritchie (1) and Perez (1).

Newcastle played very well, but Preston's players were too slow and didn't pass the ball well enough. Newcastle had many chances to score more goals, and were winning 2-0 at half-time. Preston nearly scored, but it was too little, too late, Newcastle soon won the game.

The Preston manager, Simon Grayson said his players were too defensive and not aggressive enough, Newcastle manager, Rafa Benitez said he was very happy with his players.



- a) What country is Mitrovic from?
- b) Who scored the goals?
- c) Why mistakes did Preston make?
- d) What was the score at half-time?
- e) What did Simon Grayson say?
- f) What did Rafa Benitez say?

Vocabulary

Exercise 3.) match the adjectives to the meanings. Write one football player who the word describes.

	Big and tall, lots of strength	→	_____
Hardworking	Good at attack and scoring goals	→	_____
Offensive	Can create lots of goal scoring chances	→	_____
Defensive	Works hard, is always running	→	Koke
Aggressive	Always wants to win, can get angry	→	_____
Strong	Good at defence, can tackle well	→	_____
Skilful	Has a lot skill, can do tricks well	→	_____
Creative			



Practice

Exercise 4.) Correct the mistakes, two sentences don't need to be changed.

- a) The winger is lazy too much, he never works hard.
- b) He's too slow enough, all the other players are faster.
- c) That player's not bad enough at passing, he often passes badly.
- d) That striker is too good at scoring goals, he's scored 7 goals in 4 games.
- e) He's too defensive, he only passes backwards.
- f) He's really creative and skilful, the team's best player.
- g) The midfielder is strong enough, he always loses the ball.

Exercise 5.) Make own sentences about real players using these hints, use your own ideas.

- a) _____ (good at shooting)
- b) _____ (aggressive)
- c) _____ (slow)
- d) _____ (Skilful, but lazy)



Speak

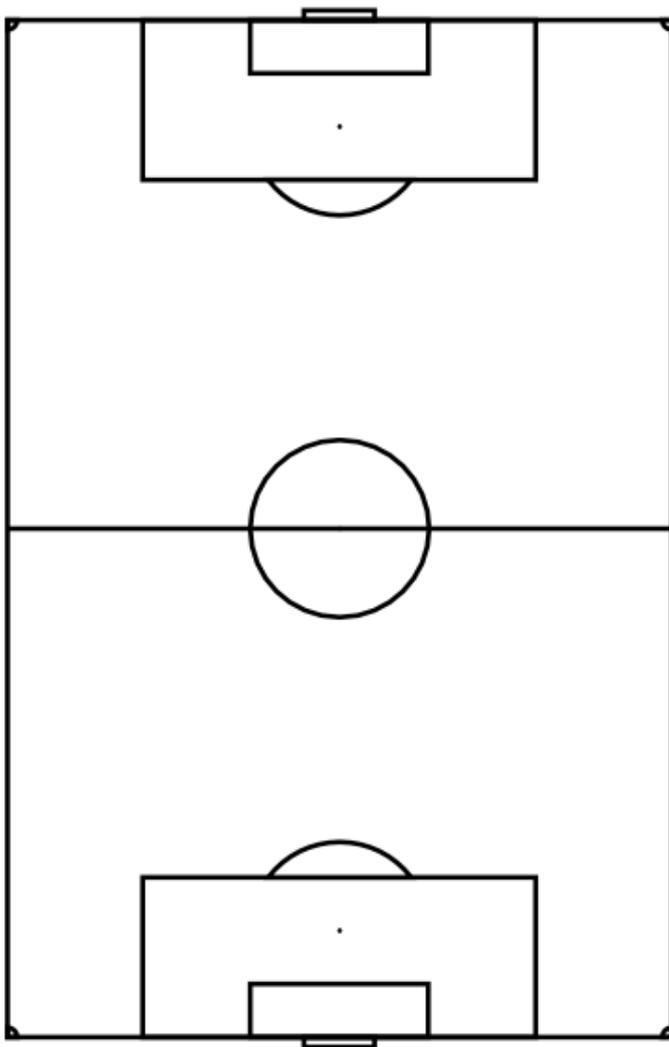
Exercise 6.) Choose a football team, you are now the manager. Write down 20-25 players and choose the best 11 players. Choose the formation, and write the starting team on the football pitch.

Explain why you have chosen players, and why you didn't choose others.

"I'm using Rashford because he's really quick, Ibrahimović is too slow"

You can use the internet and smartphones to find players

You can choose a real team, or make a fantasy team!



Players



Homework

- Choose a player and write four sentences about them.
- write two good points, and two bad points.

'Williamson Is really strong, but he's too slow'

