

# Talking About Football

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## Vocabulary

*Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher*

- **A close game** A game which has a score which is very close, very exciting
- **Vs** Versus, meaning against
- **He totally deserved it** It was well deserved, a fair call
- **Red Card** A penalty which is given to a player who does something dangerous to another player
- **And stuff...** And so on
- **He was asking for it** The player was repeatedly doing something that caused it to happen
- **A fan of \_\_\_\_** Someone who really likes \_\_\_\_\_
- **How come** Why
- **Club** Another name for a team, usually applied to football or rugby
- **A big game** An important game
- **We can drink a few** We can drink a few beers (beers is implied)
- **Wanna come around** Want to come to (Wanna is “Want to” pronounced quickly)
- **Dunno** Don't know (pronounced quickly)
- **Have'ta** Have to (pronounced quickly)
- **Don'tchu** Don't you (pronounced quickly)

# Dialogue

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*Read the dialogue with the teacher, and then switch roles*

- A:** Did you watch Chelsea vs Manchester United last night?
- B:** Oh yeah! It was SUCH a **close game**! Chelsea won by only 1 goal!
- A:** **Don't you** think Andre Herrera **totally deserved it** when he got that red card?
- B:** Yeah, **he was asking for it**, he elbowed Eden Hazard in the head...
- A:** I didn't know that you were such a **football fan**. I didn't think you'd know names like Andre Herrera and Eden Hazard...
- B:** Oh it's my favorite game! **How come** you never knew that?
- A:** I **dunno**, I always thought you were just a basketball fan...Usually you only talk about NBA games **and stuff**...
- B:** Well I like football too! My dad and his brothers made sure of that!
- A:** Who are your favorite **clubs**?
- B:** I like watching Dortmund and Bayern, and sometimes Liverpool...they're exciting to bet on!
- A:** Well we'll **have to** watch some football games together **don't you** think? How about next weekend?
- B:** Next Saturday is a **big game** between Dortmund and the Red Bulls, wanna come around my flat around 3? **We can drink a few** before the game starts.
- A:** Great idea!
- B:** OK, see you then!

## Checking Understanding

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1. What clubs were playing last night?
2. Who won the game?
3. Why is person A surprised about person B?
4. Who are their favorite clubs?
5. What time will they meet on Saturday?
6. What will they do before the game?
7. How to pronounce “Don't know” quickly?
8. How to pronounce “Have to” quickly?
9. How to pronounce “Don't you” quickly?

# Conversation Questions

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*Take turns asking the questions with your teacher, and if there's any time left over you can free chat*

- Do you like watching football? (soccer)
- Do you ever watch World Cup?
- Who's your favorite World Cup team?
- If you don't like football, what's your favorite sport?
- Do you watch football when they play in the Olympics?
- Do you play any sports?
- Do you ever go jogging?
- What's your favorite summer sport?
- What's your favorite winter sport?
- Are there any sports that you only like to play but don't like to watch?
- Do you ever do sports betting?
- What do you do to keep fit?
- Do you belong to a gym?
- Would you rather watch sports or go to the park?
- Do you think football players earn too much money?