

# Watching Rugby

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## Vocabulary

*Repeat each vocabulary word and definition after the teacher*

- **Rugby Union**      The traditional form of rugby
  - **Rugby League**      A version of rugby that's simpler than Rugby Union and much faster
  - **Entertaining**      Something that provides amusement or enjoyment
  - **Amazing**      So cool
  - **NRL**      National Rugby League from Australia
  - **Complicated**      Difficult to understand or explain
  - **Confused**      Not being able to follow what's going on
  - **Retire**      To finish someone's working or professional career
  - **D'ya**      Do you (pronounced quickly)
  - **Thadeez**      That he's (pronounced quickly)
  - **Gonna**      Going to (pronounced quickly)
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# Dialogue

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

- A:** I reaaaaally love watching rugby!
- B:** What kind **do you** like? **Rugby Union** or **Rugby League**?
- A:** I like **Rugby League**, I think that **Rugby Union** is so confusing.
- B:** Really? I think **Rugby Union** is more **entertaining**.
- A:** Why **do you** think so?
- B:** I like **Rugby Union** because it's more **complicated**. And watching the New Zealand All Blacks is so much fun!
- A:** Yeah, the All Blacks are pretty cool, but I still get **confused** by **Rugby Union**.
- B:** **Rugby League** has National Rugby League from Australia and it's too much fun to watch!
- A:** Who's your favorite **NRL** team?
- B:** I like the Canberra Raiders and the New Queensland Cowboys!
- A:** Oh yeah, the Cowboys have Johnathon Thurston, he's so **amazing** to watch! He's like the Michael Jordan of rugby! He plays for the Australian National Team too!
- B:** It's too bad that he's **gonna retire** after the 2016 season.

## Checking Understanding

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1. What kinds of rugby are there?
2. Why does person A only like Rugby League?
3. Who is person B's favorite team?
4. Who are some of the favorite Rugby League teams of person A?
5. Who's the Michael Jordan of Rugby?
6. How to pronounce "Do you" quickly?
7. How to pronounce "That he's" quickly?
8. How to pronounce "Going to" 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*

- Have you ever watched rugby before?
- Do you have a favorite rugby team or club?
- What's your favorite sport?
- Did you ever get to watch Michael Jordan before he retired?
- Who's your favorite NBA player? Michael Jordan? Kobe Bryant? Stephen Curry? Magic Johnson?
- Do you like watching the Olympics or the World Cup?
  - What are your favorite Olympic sports?
- What's the most popular sport in your country?
- Did you play any sports in high school?
- If you don't like sports what's your favorite thing to watch or do?
- What sports does your dad or grandpa like to watch? Does he have a favorite team or club?