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Level 0

Players say racism and homophobia common in football

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Football players in England said there is a lot of racism and homophobia in football. Over 200 players answered a questionnaire. Over half of them regularly see racism and homophobia. Around 25% get bad comments. One in five see it from their teammates. Players said the police should do more at football matches.

Things are slowly getting better, but players want more progress. One player said there was less racism and homophobia now than before. He said discrimination is at all clubs. Both players and fans used racist and homophobic language. He said this way of thinking was from the "dark ages".

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-2582945/Premier-League-stars-reveal-racism-homophobia-rife-game.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/mar/18/kick-it-out-survey-racism-rule-rooney>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Football | a. bad comments |
| 2. a lot | b. a questionnaire |
| 3. Over 200 players answered | c. do more |
| 4. Over | d. five |
| 5. Around 25% get | e. players in England |
| 6. One in | f. their teammates |
| 7. see it from | g. of racism |
| 8. the police should | h. half of them |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Things are slowly | a. homophobia |
| 2. players want | b. was less |
| 3. One player said there | c. of thinking |
| 4. racism and | d. more progress |
| 5. discrimination is | e. ages |
| 6. players and fans used racist and | f. getting better |
| 7. this way | g. homophobic language |
| 8. from the dark | h. at all clubs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Football players in England (1) _____ lot of racism and homophobia in football. (2) _____ answered a questionnaire. (3) _____ regularly see racism and homophobia. (4) _____ bad comments. One (5) _____ their teammates. Players said the police (6) _____ football matches.

Things are (7) _____, but players want more progress. One player (8) _____ racism and homophobia (9) _____. He said discrimination is at all clubs. Both players (10) _____ racist and (11) _____. He said this way of thinking was from (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

