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Players say racism and homophobia common in football

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140320-racism-homophobia-1.html>

Football players in England told a campaign group that racism and homophobia are common in their sport. Over 200 players took part in a survey from the Kick It Out campaign group. Over half of the players said they regularly saw racism and homophobia. A quarter said they got racist or homophobic comments. One in five said they saw or heard it from their teammates. Many players said the police should act more at football matches.

Kick It Out said things were slowly getting better. Many players complained about the slow progress. Retired Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was less racism and homophobia now than before. He said discrimination is at all clubs across the country. He said both players and fans used racist and homophobic language. He added: "This kind of mentality is still in the dark ages. It has to move on."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-2582945/Premier-League-stars-reveal-racism-homophobia-rife-game.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a campaign | a. comments |
| 2. racism and homophobia | b. took part |
| 3. Over 200 players | c. from their teammates |
| 4. Over half | d. saw racism |
| 5. they regularly | e. group |
| 6. they got racist or homophobic | f. act more |
| 7. they saw or heard it | g. are common |
| 8. the police should | h. of the players |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. things were slowly | a. and fans |
| 2. Many players complained | b. and homophobia now |
| 3. there was less racism | c. in the dark ages |
| 4. He said discrimination is at | d. the country |
| 5. across | e. getting better |
| 6. both players | f. language |
| 7. racist and homophobic | g. about the slow progress |
| 8. This kind of mentality is still | h. all clubs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Football players in England (1) _____ that racism and homophobia are (2) _____. Over 200 players took (3) _____ from the Kick It Out campaign group. Over half of the players said (4) _____ racism and homophobia. A quarter said they got racist or homophobic comments. (5) _____ they saw or heard it from their teammates. Many players said the police (6) _____ at football matches.

Kick It Out said things were (7) _____. Many players complained about (8) _____. Retired Premier League player Paul Mortimer (9) _____ racism and homophobia (10) _____. He said discrimination is at all clubs across the country. He said both players (11) _____ and homophobic language. He added: "This kind of mentality (12) _____ dark ages. It has to move on."

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140320-racism-homophobia-1.html>

Write about **discrimination** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
