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Level 3

Players say racism and homophobia common in football

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THE ARTICLE

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

Players from England's professional football leagues have told a campaign group that racism and homophobia are common in the game. Over 200 professionals playing in the Premier League, and the three divisions below it, took part in a survey conducted by the campaigners Kick It Out. The organization said both racism and homophobia were everywhere in English football. Over half of those who answered the survey said they regularly see racism and homophobia. A quarter said they have had racist or homophobic comments from fans or other players. One in five said they have seen it from their own teammates. Many players said there should be better policing at football matches.

Kick It Out said things were improving but progress was too slow. It said many players complained about the slow progress. Its website said: "During the 2012/13 season, a number of players publicly displayed their discontent at what they believed to be a lack of progress in tackling racism and discrimination across the game." Former Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was less racism and homophobia now than there was in the 1980s and 1990s. He said: "If you pick any club in the country, any stadium or any training ground, everything in a club has moved on. But some of the discriminatory vocabulary used is from a bygone era. 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>
<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/mar/18/kick-it-out-survey-racism-rule-rooney>
<http://www.kickitout.org/news/200-current-premier-league-and-football-league-stars-undertake-kick-it-out-consultation/>

WARM-UPS

1. FOOTBALL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about football. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

football / campaign group / racism / homophobia / survey / teammates / policing / progress / discontent / training ground / vocabulary / mentality / the dark ages

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DISCRIMINATION: What can these people do to kick racism and homophobia out of sport (and society)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What can they do?	Will (d0) they do it? Why (not)?
National team captain		
FIFA boss		
Your country's leader		
You		
Police chiefs		
TV commentators		

4. RED CARD: Students A **strongly** believe racist/homophobic players should get a red card for life and never play again; Students B **strongly** believe a five-game ban is enough. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. HURTFUL: Rank these with your partner. Put the most hurtful or damaging ways to discriminate against someone at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- online comments
- banners at football games
- comments from players
- comments from home fans
- "jokes" from sports chiefs
- remarks from teammates
- not taking action
- not selecting a player

6. PROFESSIONAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "professional". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Players from leagues all over the world spoke about discrimination. | T / F |
| b. Over 200 players participated in a survey. | T / F |
| c. More than half of those who participated regularly see discrimination. | T / F |
| d. Players said they never see their teammates making bad comments. | T / F |
| e. Players complained that the fight against discrimination was too slow. | T / F |
| f. A player said there was less discrimination now than 30 years ago. | T / F |
| g. The player said it was rare to see discrimination at training grounds. | T / F |
| h. The player said people's mentality was from the 19 th century. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. common | a. steps forward |
| 2. took part | b. replied to |
| 3. survey | c. remarks |
| 4. answered | d. widespread |
| 5. comments | e. choose |
| 6. improving | f. questionnaire |
| 7. progress | g. challenging |
| 8. tackling | h. way of thinking |
| 9. pick | i. participated |
| 10. mentality | j. getting better |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. England's professional | a. who answered |
| 2. took part | b. vocabulary |
| 3. Over half of those | c. at football matches |
| 4. they have had racist or homophobic | d. improving |
| 5. there should be better policing | e. their discontent |
| 6. things were | f. comments from fans |
| 7. a number of players publicly displayed | g. football leagues |
| 8. a lack | h. in the dark ages |
| 9. discriminatory | i. in a survey |
| 10. This kind of mentality is still | j. of progress |

GAP FILL

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

Players from England's professional football leagues have told a (1) _____ group that racism and homophobia are common in the game. Over 200 professionals (2) _____ in the Premier League, and the three divisions (3) _____ it, took part in a survey conducted by the campaigners Kick It Out. The organization said both racism and homophobia were (4) _____ in English football. Over half of those who answered the (5) _____ said they regularly see racism and homophobia. A quarter said they have had racist or homophobic (6) _____ from fans or other players. One in five said they have seen it from their (7) _____ teammates. Many players said there should be better (8) _____ at football matches.

survey
below
own
campaign
comments
playing
policing
everywhere

Kick It Out said things were (9) _____ but progress was too slow. It said many players complained about the slow progress. Its website said: "During the 2012/13 season, a (10) _____ of players publicly displayed their discontent at what they believed to be a lack of (11) _____ in tackling racism and discrimination across the game." Former Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was (12) _____ racism and homophobia now than there was in the 1980s and 1990s. He said: "If you (13) _____ any club in the country, any stadium or any training ground, everything in a club has (14) _____ on. But some of the discriminatory (15) _____ used is from a bygone era. This kind of mentality is still in the (16) _____ ages. It has to move on."

pick
vocabulary
number
less
improving
dark
moved
progress

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Players from England's professional _____
 - a. football leagues
 - b. football leaves
 - c. football league
 - d. football leave
- 2) racism and homophobia are _____
 - a. commonly in the game
 - b. commoner in the game
 - c. commons in the game
 - d. common in the game
- 3) The organization said both racism and homophobia _____ English football
 - a. was everywhere in
 - b. were everywhere in
 - c. were anywhere in
 - d. was anywhere in
- 4) One in five said they have seen it from _____
 - a. their own teammate
 - b. their own tea mate
 - c. their own teammates
 - d. their own tea mates
- 5) Many players said there should be _____ football matches
 - a. better police in at
 - b. better policies at
 - c. better police inner
 - d. better policing at
- 6) Kick It Out said things were improving but _____ slow
 - a. progress was too
 - b. pre-grass was too
 - c. progression was too
 - d. pro grass was too
- 7) During the 2012/13 season, a number of players publicly _____
 - a. displayed they're discontent
 - b. displayed their discontents
 - c. displayed their discontent
 - d. display their discontent
- 8) a lack of progress in _____
 - a. tackled racism
 - b. tackle in racism
 - c. tracking racism
 - d. tackling racism
- 9) But some of the discriminatory vocabulary used is from _____
 - a. a buy gone era
 - b. a bye, gone era
 - c. a bygone era
 - d. a be gone era
- 10) This kind of mentality is still _____
 - a. in the dark ages
 - b. in the dark age
 - c. in the dark aged
 - d. in the dark aging

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Players from England's professional (1) _____ told a campaign group that racism and homophobia (2) _____ game. Over 200 professionals playing in the Premier League, and the three divisions below it, took part in a (3) _____ the campaigners Kick It Out. The organization said both racism and homophobia were everywhere in English football. Over (4) _____ answered the survey said they regularly see racism and homophobia. A quarter said they (5) _____ homophobic comments from fans or other players. One in five said they have seen it from their own teammates. Many players said there should (6) _____ football matches.

Kick It Out said things were improving but (7) _____. It said many players complained about the slow progress. Its website said: "During the 2012/13 season, a number of (8) _____ their discontent at what they believed to be a (9) _____ in tackling racism and discrimination across the game." Former Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was less racism and homophobia (10) _____ the 1980s and 1990s. He said: "If you pick any club in the country, any stadium (11) _____, everything in a club has moved on. But some of the discriminatory vocabulary used is from a bygone era. This kind of mentality is still (12) _____. It has to move on."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who did professional players talk to about racism and homophobia?

2. How many players answered the survey?

3. Where in English football did the players see discrimination?

4. How many of the players said they regularly saw discrimination?

5. What did the players say needed to be better at football matches?

6. What did the players say about the speed of progress?

7. When did players express their unhappiness in public?

8. Who is Paul Mortimer?

9. When did Mr Mortimer compare today's discrimination to?

10. What period of history did Mortimer say discrimination belonged to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. Who did professional players talk to about racism and homophobia?
 - a) a campaign group
 - b) the head of FIFA
 - c) a sports newspaper
 - d) a footballers' union
2. How many players answered the survey?
 - a) over 2,000
 - b) around 20,000
 - c) more than 200
 - d) exactly 12,000
3. Where in English football did the players see discrimination?
 - a) at away grounds
 - b) everywhere
 - c) in the dressing room
 - d) only at matches
4. How many of the players said they regularly saw discrimination?
 - a) around two-thirds
 - b) 632
 - c) just over a quarter
 - d) more than half
5. What did the players say needed to be better at football matches?
 - a) policing
 - b) hot dogs
 - c) tackles
 - d) the grass
6. What did the players say about the speed of progress?
 - a) it was at a snail's pace
 - b) it was like the speed of light
 - c) it was at a good pace
 - d) it was too slow
7. When did players express their unhappiness in public?
 - a) last month
 - b) between 2012 and 2013
 - c) a few days ago
 - d) at the beginning of this season
8. Who is Paul Mortimer?
 - a) the England team's assistant manager
 - b) the boss of Kick It Out
 - c) the owner of a soccer website
 - d) an ex-Premier league player
9. When did Mr Mortimer compare today's discrimination to?
 - a) a few years ago
 - b) the 1966 World Cup Finals
 - c) the 1980s and 1990s
 - d) the nineteenth century
10. What period of history did Mortimer say discrimination belonged to?
 - a) the time when football was invented
 - b) the dark ages
 - c) the years between 1354 to 1899
 - d) the Victorian period

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Elementary school

You think elementary school is the best place to educate people about discrimination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them some problems with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the Internet, the workplace or sports grounds.

Role B – Internet

You think the Internet is the best place to educate people about discrimination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them some problems with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): elementary school, the workplace or sports grounds.

Role C – At work

You think the workplace is the best place to educate people about discrimination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them some problems with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the Internet, elementary school or sports grounds.

Role D – Sports grounds

You think sports grounds are the best places to educate people about discrimination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them some problems with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): the Internet, the workplace or elementary school.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'campaign' and 'group'.

campaign	group

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• told• three• everywhere• regularly• fans• better	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• complained• lack• former• 1980s• moved• dark
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DISCRIMINATION SURVEY

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

Write five GOOD questions about discrimination in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

DISCRIMINATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'discrimination'?
- c) Why is there discrimination in sport?
- d) Why do people think skin colour is important?
- e) Should the Premier League get fined for discrimination?
- f) When will racism and homophobia disappear from sport?
- g) Should more gay sports stars say they are gay?
- h) What should happen to fans who make racist or homophobic comments?
- i) What should happen to racist or homophobic players?
- j) Would better policing at football matches help?

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DISCRIMINATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is it good that there is progress, even if it is slow?
- c) What can players do to kick discrimination out of the game?
- d) What do you think of the name "Kick It Out"?
- e) Why don't some people like a player who is gay or lesbian?
- f) Is there racism and homophobia in sport in your country?
- g) What do you do if you hear racist or homophobic comments?
- h) Should players walk off the pitch (field) if they get comments?
- i) Should football clubs be fined if fans make discriminatory comments?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of Kick It Out?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) campaign | (b) campaigned | (c) campaigning | (d) campaigner |
| 2. | (a) commonly | (b) commoner | (c) common | (d) commons |
| 3. | (a) lower | (b) less | (c) below | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) every | (b) all | (c) between | (d) both |
| 5. | (a) regularly | (b) regular | (c) regulars | (d) regulate |
| 6. | (a) have | (b) be | (c) do | (d) meet |
| 7. | (a) over | (b) enough | (c) much | (d) too |
| 8. | (a) a | (b) big | (c) the | (d) nine |
| 9. | (a) tackled | (b) tackles | (c) tackling | (d) tackle |
| 10. | (a) at once | (b) present | (c) timely | (d) now |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) in | (c) out | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) or | (b) of | (c) oh | (d) on |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. England's afneosriopsl football leagues
2. mgapnaic group
3. took part in a uvrsye
4. they yelluagrr see racism and homophobia
5. racist or homophobic mtosmenc from fans
6. there should be better nlcgiopi

Paragraph 2

7. things were oimnipgrv
8. complained about the slow peogsrrs
9. racism and ioiinidsnctram
10. any itsmuda or any training ground
11. dyoaisinrirmtc vocabulary
12. This kind of aetinmylt

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () divisions below it, took part in a survey conducted by the campaigners Kick It Out. The organization said both racism
- () across the game." Former Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was less racism and homophobia now
- () vocabulary used is from a bygone era. This kind of mentality is still in the dark ages. It has to move on."
- () had racist or homophobic comments from fans or other players. One in five said they have seen it from their own
- (**1**) Players from England's professional football leagues have told a campaign group that racism and homophobia are
- () Kick It Out said things were improving but progress was too slow. It said many players complained
- () than there was in the 1980s and 1990s. He said: "If you pick any club in the country, any stadium
- () answered the survey said they regularly see racism and homophobia. A quarter said they have
- () or any training ground, everything in a club has moved on. But some of the discriminatory
- () about the slow progress. Its website said: "During the 2012/13 season, a number of players publicly displayed their discontent
- () common in the game. Over 200 professionals playing in the Premier League, and the three
- () and homophobia were everywhere in English football. Over half of those who
- () teammates. Many players said there should be better policing at football matches.
- () at what they believed to be a lack of progress in tackling racism and discrimination

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. League playing in Over the 200 Premier professionals.

2. those who Over answered half the of survey.

3. or fans from comments Homophobic players other.

4. teammates it from They their have own seen.

5. better said policing there should Many be players.

6. but progress Things was were too improving slow.

7. their of discontent players publicly A displayed number.

8. racism tackling in progress of lack A.

9. the in was there than now racism less was There 1980s.

10. of mentality is still in the dark ages This kind.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Players from England's *professional* / *professionally* football leagues have told a campaign group that racism and homophobia are *commonly* / *common* in the game. Over 200 professionals playing in the Premier League, and the three divisions *before* / *below* it, took part in a survey conducted by the campaigners Kick It Out. The organization said *all* / *both* racism and homophobia were everywhere in English football. Over half of *those* / *them* who *answered* / *answering* the survey said they regularly see *racist* / *racism* and homophobia. A quarter said they have had racist or homophobic *comments* / *commentators* from fans or other players. One *in* / *into* five said they have seen it from their own teammates. Many players said there should be better *policed* / *policing* at football matches.

Kick It Out said things were *improvement* / *improving* but progress was too slow. It said many players *compliant* / *complained* about the slow progress. Its website said: "During the 2012/13 season, a number *for* / *of* players publicly displayed their *discontent* / *contents* at what they believed to be a lack of progress *in* / *on* tackling racism and discrimination across the game." Former Premier League player Paul Mortimer said there was *less* / *lesser* racism and homophobia now than there was *in* / *at* the 1980s and 1990s. He said: "If you pick any club in the country, any stadium or any *train* / *training* ground, everything in a club has *moved* / *movement* on. But some of the discriminatory vocabulary used is from a bygone *ear* / *era*. This kind of mentality is still in the dark ages. It has to move on."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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h_v__t_ld __c_mp__gn gr__p th_t r_c_sm __nd
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Players who make discriminatory comments should never play again. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about discrimination in sport. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DISCRIMINATION: Make a poster about discrimination. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RED CARD: Write a magazine article about discrimination in football. Include imaginary interviews with people who think anyone (fans or players) who makes racist or homophobic comments should get a red card and never play or go to a stadium again.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on discrimination. Ask him/her three questions about discrimination. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to "kick it out". Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d F e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. common | a. widespread |
| 2. took part | b. participated |
| 3. survey | c. questionnaire |
| 4. answered | d. replied to |
| 5. comments | e. remarks |
| 6. improving | f. getting better |
| 7. progress | g. steps forward |
| 8. tackling | h. challenging |
| 9. pick | i. choose |
| 10. mentality | j. way of thinking |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A campaign group (Kick It Out)
2. Over 200
3. Everywhere
4. Over half
5. Policing
6. It was too slow
7. During the 2012/13 season
8. A former Premier League player
9. The 1980s and 1990s
10. A bygone era (or the dark ages)

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

a F b T c T d F e T f T g F h F a F b T

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)