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**Level 2** – 22nd August 2024

## Huge rise in price of Premier League football shirts

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-2.html>

Following football in England is expensive. The price of football shirts and going to matches is high. Jerseys for the top English teams cost over \$100. A shirt for England's national team cost over \$160 in July. Premier League teams are cashing in on selling shirts. A UK newspaper has written about teams increasing the price of shirts by 56 per cent over the past five years. A spokesperson for the London team Tottenham explained why prices have gone up. He said it was because of a rise in the price of manufacturing, materials and shipping costs.

A consumer expert said the jerseys were overpriced. She said the high prices were not justifiable. She said: "This is an own goal by mega-rich football clubs. Shirt prices have been soaring." She added that loyal fans cannot buy the shirts, and that this was unfair in a cost-of-living crisis. She said this could "backfire on clubs". Fans are unhappy with the high prices. A Manchester United fan was fed up with his team changing its kit every year. He has to spend over \$400 at the start of each season to buy shirts for his children. He said: "Clubs are too greedy."

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/sport/29936752/shock-surge-price-replica-premier-league-shirts/>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-13754889/Cost-replica-shirts-rockets-past-five-years-one-Premier-League-club-charging-56-2019.html>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/money-blog-most-expensive-premier-league-jerseys-as-26-gap-between-teams-revealed-13040934>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Following football in England | a. on selling shirts |
| 2. going to                      | b. shipping costs    |
| 3. Jerseys for the top           | c. manufacturing     |
| 4. teams are cashing in          | d. have gone up      |
| 5. over the past                 | e. English teams     |
| 6. explained why prices          | f. is expensive      |
| 7. a rise in the price of        | g. matches           |
| 8. materials and                 | h. five years        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A consumer                      | a. rich football clubs   |
| 2. the jerseys were                | b. fans                  |
| 3. She said the high prices        | c. cost-of-living crisis |
| 4. an own goal by mega-            | d. overpriced            |
| 5. loyal                           | e. up with his team      |
| 6. this was unfair in a            | f. were not justifiable  |
| 7. A Manchester United fan was fed | g. too greedy            |
| 8. Clubs are                       | h. expert                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ football shirts and going to matches is high. Jerseys for the top English teams cost over \$100. A shirt for England's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ over \$160 in July. Premier League teams are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ selling shirts. A UK newspaper has written about teams increasing the price of shirts by 56 per cent (4) \_\_\_\_\_ five years. A spokesperson for the London team Tottenham explained why (5) \_\_\_\_\_ up. He said it was because of a rise in the price of manufacturing, materials (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ said the jerseys were overpriced. She said the high prices (8) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "This is an own goal by mega-rich football clubs. Shirt prices have been soaring." She added (9) \_\_\_\_\_ cannot buy the shirts, and that this was unfair in a cost-of-living crisis. She said this could "(10) \_\_\_\_\_". Fans are unhappy with the high prices. A Manchester United fan was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ his team changing its kit every year. He has to spend over \$400 at the start (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to buy shirts for his children. He said: "Clubs are too greedy."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL SHIRTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football shirts 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

