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## Level 3 – 5th March 2026

### Red cards for football players who hide racist comments

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

FIFA, the organization that controls world football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule to stop racism. It wants referees to give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say things to other players. If a player is shown a red card, they are sent off and must leave the football pitch. Recently, there have been several cases of players being racist. Last month, Brazilian international Vinicius Junior, 25, was playing for Real Madrid against Benfica in the Champions League. The match was suspended for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had racially insulted him. Vinicius has faced 20 cases of racial abuse since joining Madrid in 2018.

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during arguments to be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a 10-match ban. Mr Infantino spoke to reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment could be racist, so that player has to be sent off. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said something they shouldn't have, otherwise they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is happy that FIFA is thinking about a new red-card rule. It said it would also "continue working, in collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, violence, and hate in sport and society".

Sources: [https://www.espn.com/soccer/story/\\_/id/48073911/fifa-boss-gianni-infantino-calls-red-cards-players-cover-mouths](https://www.espn.com/soccer/story/_/id/48073911/fifa-boss-gianni-infantino-calls-red-cards-players-cover-mouths)  
<https://news.sky.com/story/footballers-who-cover-mouths-during-on-pitch-rows-should-be-sent-off-says-fifa-boss-13513895>  
<https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/chelsea-could-rival-newcastle-nunez-223734834.html>

# WARM-UPS

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

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

organization / football / soccer / racism / red card / football pitch / suspended / abuse arguments / discrimination / bans / collaboration / violence / hate / sport / society

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

**3. SEASON BAN:** Students A **strongly** believe players who racially abuse other players should be banned for a whole season; Students B **strongly** believe that's too much. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FOOTBALL POSITIONS:** What must these players do? How important are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Player Role	Abilities
Goalkeeper		
Defender		
Midfielder		
Captain		
Attacker		
Winger		

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

**6. SPORTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best sports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Football
- F1
- Skiing
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Ice hockey
- Cycling

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. organization | a. A group of people who work together for a purpose.               |
| 2. rule (noun)  | b. Times when things/events happen.                                 |
| 3. racism       | c. An official order about what you must or must not do.            |
| 4. sent off     | d. More than two but not many.                                      |
| 5. several      | e. Unfair treatment of people because of their race or skin colour. |
| 6. cases        | f. Told to leave the game by the referee.                           |
| 7. suspended    | g. Stopped for a short time.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. arguments      | h. If not.  |
| 9. discrimination | i. An official order that stops someone from doing something. |
| 10. face (verb)   | j. Angry disagreements between people.                        |
| 11. ban (noun)    | k. Working together with other people.                        |
| 12. otherwise     | l. Unfair treatment of someone because of who they are.       |
| 13. collaboration | m. Physical force that hurts people or damages things.        |
| 14. violence      | n. Have to deal with something.                               |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

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

1. FIFA said it wants to control world football. **T / F**
2. FIFA wants referees to send off players who make racist comments. **T / F**
3. A Real Madrid player said he was racially abused in a World Cup game. **T / F**
4. A game stopped for 10 minutes because of a possible racist comment. **T / F**
5. Players who racially abuse others could get a 10-match ban. **T / F**
6. FIFA's boss said players must cover their mouths in any argument. **T / F**
7. Real Madrid is happy about the possibility of a racism red card. **T / F**
8. Real Madrid said it would work to end violence, hate, and racism. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>organization</b>   | a. if not      |
| 2. <b>pitch</b>          | b. fights      |
| 3. <b>suspended</b>      | c. insults     |
| 4. <b>arguments</b>      | d. remark      |
| 5. <b>abuse</b>          | e. field       |
| 6. <b>discrimination</b> | f. wipe out    |
| 7. <b>comment</b>        | g. group       |
| 8. <b>otherwise</b>      | h. cooperation |
| 9. <b>collaboration</b>  | i. halted      |
| 10. <b>get rid of</b>    | j. prejudice   |

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

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the organization that controls     | a. cases of racial abuse |
| 2. a player is shown                  | b. could be racist       |
| 3. there have been several cases of   | c. during arguments      |
| 4. The match was suspended            | d. a red card            |
| 5. Vinicius has faced 20              | e. off                   |
| 6. footballers who cover their mouths | f. world football        |
| 7. face a 10-match                    | g. with all institutions |
| 8. the comment                        | h. for ten minutes       |
| 9. that player has to be sent         | i. ban                   |
| 10. continue working in collaboration | j. players being racist  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

FIFA, the organization that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ world football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule to stop racism. It wants (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say things to other players. If a player is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a red card, they are sent off and must leave the football (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Recently, there have been several (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of players being racist. Last month, Brazilian international Vinicius Junior, 25, was playing for Real Madrid against Benfica in the Champions League. The match was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had racially (7) \_\_\_\_\_ him. Vinicius has faced 20 cases of racial abuse (8) \_\_\_\_\_ joining Madrid in 2018.

*cases*  
*shown*  
*since*  
*suspended*  
*controls*  
*pitch*  
*insulted*  
*referees*

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a 10-match (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Infantino spoke to reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the comment could be racist, so that player has to be sent off. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said (12) \_\_\_\_\_ they shouldn't have, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is happy that FIFA is thinking about a new red-card (14) \_\_\_\_\_. It said it would also "continue (15) \_\_\_\_\_, in collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, (16) \_\_\_\_\_, and hate in sport and society".

*something*  
*working*  
*ban*  
*violence*  
*otherwise*  
*arguments*  
*something*  
*rule*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

- 1) give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say things \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to another players
  - b. to other player
  - c. to other players
  - d. to the other player
- 2) If a player is shown a red card, they are sent off and must leave \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the football pitch
  - b. the football patch
  - c. the football porch
  - d. the football putsch
- 3) Recently, there have been several cases of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. players been racist
  - b. players be in racist
  - c. players be racist
  - d. players being racist
- 4) suspended for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. racially insult him
  - b. racially insulted him
  - c. racially insulted his
  - d. racially insulted them
- 5) Vinicius has faced 20 cases of racial abuse since joining \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Madrid on 2018
  - b. Madrid at 2018
  - c. Madrid in 2018
  - d. Madrid by 2018
- 6) Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during arguments to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. been sent in
  - b. be send off
  - c. be sent on
  - d. be sent off
- 7) Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 10-match band
  - b. 10-match bin
  - c. 10-match ban
  - d. 10-match bond
- 8) He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. could be racism
  - b. could be racist
  - c. could be racial
  - d. could be racially
- 9) players who cover their mouths must have said something \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they shouldn't of
  - b. they shouldn't has
  - c. they shouldn't had
  - d. they shouldn't have
- 10) in collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, violence, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hate in sport
  - b. hating sport
  - c. hate tin sport
  - d. hat in sport

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

FIFA, the organization (1) \_\_\_\_\_ football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants referees to give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say things to other players. If a player is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ card, they are sent off and must leave the football pitch. Recently, there have been several cases of (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Last month, Brazilian international Vinicius Junior, 25, was playing for Real Madrid against Benfica in the Champions League. The match (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had racially insulted him. Vinicius has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of racial abuse since joining Madrid in 2018.

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths (7) \_\_\_\_\_ be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Infantino spoke to reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment (9) \_\_\_\_\_, so that player has to be sent off. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said something they shouldn't have, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is happy that FIFA is thinking about a new (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It said it would also "continue working, in collaboration with all institutions, to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ racism, violence, and hate in sport and society".

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

1. What is the name of the organization that controls world football?
2. Who might have to give racist players a red card?
3. For how long was a Real Madrid match suspended after possible racism?
4. How many times has Vinicius Junior been racially abused at Madrid?
5. When did Vinicius Junior join Real Madrid?
6. For how long could a player be banned if they get a red card?
7. Which news agency did Gianni Infantino talk to?
8. How does Real Madrid feel about a possible red card for racism?
9. Who will Real Madrid continue to work with?
10. What does Real Madrid want to get rid of besides racism?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

- 1) What is the name of the organization that controls world football?
  - a) FIFA
  - b) UEFA
  - c) EFL
  - d) CONCACAF
- 2) Who might have to give racist players a red card?
  - a) spectators
  - b) FIFA
  - c) referees
  - d) team captains
- 3) For how long was a Real Madrid match suspended after possible racism?
  - a) 8 minutes
  - b) 10 minutes
  - c) 13 minutes
  - d) 21 minutes
- 4) How many times has Vinicius Junior been racially abused at Madrid?
  - a) 5 times
  - b) 10 times
  - c) 15 times
  - d) 20 times
- 5) When did Vinicius Junior join Real Madrid?
  - a) 2018
  - b) 2019
  - c) 2020
  - d) 2021
- 6) For how long could a player be banned if they get a red card?
  - a) for 3 matches
  - b) for 5 matches
  - c) for 8 matches
  - d) for 10 matches
- 7) Which news agency did Gianni Infantino talk to?
  - a) BBC
  - b) Sky News
  - c) ESPN
  - d) Aljazeera
- 8) How does Real Madrid feel about a possible red card for racism?
  - a) good
  - b) surprised
  - c) angry
  - d) happy
- 9) Who will Real Madrid continue to work with?
  - a) Barcelona
  - b) youth teams
  - c) institutions
  - d) FIFA
- 10) What does Real Madrid want to get rid of besides racism?
  - a) corruption
  - b) violence and hate
  - c) video assistant referees
  - d) plastic pitches

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

## **Role A – Football**

You think football is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, skiing or cycling.

## **Role B – Tennis**

You think tennis is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): football, skiing or cycling.

## **Role C – Skiing**

You think skiing is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, football or cycling.

## **Role D – Cycling**

You think cycling is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, skiing or football.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'red card' and 'racism'.

<b>red card</b>	<b>racism</b>
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- 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"><li>• controls</li><li>• leave</li><li>• month</li><li>• playing</li><li>• suspended</li><li>• joining</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• during</li><li>• ban</li><li>• comment</li><li>• otherwise</li><li>• happy</li><li>• hate</li></ul>
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# RACISM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

Write five GOOD questions about racism 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.

# FOOTBALL AND RACISM DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'red card'?
3. What do you know about FIFA?
4. Which word is best, 'football' or 'soccer'?
5. What do you think of racism in sport?
6. What can FIFA do to completely end racism in football?
7. Why are people racist?
8. Do you think a red card for covering your mouth is good?
9. What do you think of football?
10. What advice do you have for Vinicius Junior?

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# FOOTBALL AND RACISM DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'racism'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is a 10-match ban long enough for making racist comments?
15. Why is there so much racism in football?
16. What should happen to soccer fans who are racist?
17. What would you do if you heard a racist comment?
18. How can we get rid of violence in society?
19. What do you think of the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
20. What questions would you like to ask the FIFA boss?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

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FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths (7) \_\_\_\_\_ arguments to be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a 10-match ban. Mr Infantino spoke to reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment could be racist, so that player has to be sent (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said something they shouldn't have, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is happy that FIFA is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ about a new red-card rule. It said it would also "continue working, in collaboration with all institutions, to get rid (12) \_\_\_\_\_ racism, violence, and hate in sport and society".

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

- |     |                |                 |              |                |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) control    | (b) controlling | (c) controls | (d) controller |
| 2.  | (a) give       | (b) send        | (c) take     | (d) out        |
| 3.  | (a) other      | (b) another     | (c) others   | (d) othered    |
| 4.  | (a) of         | (b) to          | (c) at       | (d) by         |
| 5.  | (a) suspension | (b) suspended   | (c) suspends | (d) suspender  |
| 6.  | (a) joins      | (b) join        | (c) joint    | (d) joining    |
| 7.  | (a) daring     | (b) enduring    | (c) during   | (d) endearing  |
| 8.  | (a) cheek      | (b) skull       | (c) head     | (d) face       |
| 9.  | (a) off        | (b) on          | (c) out      | (d) in         |
| 10. | (a) wisely     | (b) otherwise   | (c) wise     | (d) wisdom     |
| 11. | (a) thinks     | (b) thinking    | (c) thought  | (d) think      |
| 12. | (a) at         | (b) by          | (c) of       | (d) on         |

# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the nirnigozoata that controls world football
2. It wants freesere to give a red card
3. leave the football thpic
4. there have been arevesl cases
5. The match was eesdusdpn for ten minutes
6. 20 cases of lraiac abuse

## Paragraph 2

7. cover their mouths during armsgneu
8. a red card for mtinriadonics
9. otehieswr they wouldn't
10. continue working in tolracnioalbo
11. oneceliv and hate
12. sport and etscyoi

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) be racist, so that player has to be sent off. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said
- ( ) Champions League. The match was suspended for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica
- ( ) collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, violence, and hate in sport and society".
- ( ) FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during arguments to be sent
- ( **1** ) FIFA, the organization that controls world football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule to stop
- ( ) happy that FIFA is thinking about a new red-card rule. It said it would also "continue working, in
- ( ) international Vinicius Junior, 25, was playing for Real Madrid against Benfica in the
- ( ) off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a 10-match ban. Mr Infantino spoke to
- ( ) pitch. Recently, there have been several cases of players being racist. Last month, Brazilian
- ( ) player had racially insulted him. Vinicius has faced 20 cases of racial abuse since joining Madrid in 2018.
- ( ) racism. It wants referees to give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say
- ( ) reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment could
- ( ) something they shouldn't have, otherwise they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is
- ( ) things to other players. If a player is shown a red card, they are sent off and must leave the football

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

1. a Make new racism rule stop to .
2. a card give It red referees to wants .
3. other players say they things to When .
4. been being cases have of players racist There .
5. for match minutes suspended ten The was .
6. arguments cover during Footballers mouths their who .
7. a Any card discrimination for player receiving red .
8. be has off player sent That to .
9. a about FIFA is new red-card rule thinking .
10. collaboration continue in institutions It with working would .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2603/260305-racism-red-card.html>

FIFA, the organization that *controlling* / *controls* world football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule to stop *racist* / *racism*. It wants referees to give a red card to players who cover their mouths *what* / *when* they say things to other players. If a player is *showing* / *shown* a red card, they are sent *off* / *on* and must leave the football *pitch* / *patch*. Recently, there have been several *cases* / *case* of players being racist. Last month, Brazilian international Vinicius Junior, 25, was *play* / *playing* for Real Madrid against Benfica in the Champions League. The match was *suspend* / *suspended* for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had racially insulted him. Vinicius has *faced* / *headed* 20 cases of racial abuse since joining Madrid in 2018.

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during *argument* / *arguments* to be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a 10-match *bin* / *ban*. Mr Infantino spoke *to* / *for* reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the *meant* / *comment* could be racist, so that player has to be sent off. He *subtracted* / *added* that players who cover their mouths must have said something they shouldn't *have* / *do*, otherwise they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is *happy* / *happily* that FIFA is *thinking* / *thought* about a new red-card rule. It said it would also "continue working, *in* / *on* collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, violence, and hate *in* / *at* sport and society".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

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

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F\_F\_, th\_ \_rg\_n\_z\_t\_\_n th\_t c\_ntr\_ls w\_rld f\_\_tb\_ll (\_r s\_cc\_r), w\_nts t\_ m\_k\_ \_ n\_w r\_l\_ t\_ st\_p r\_c\_sm. \_t w\_nts r\_f\_r\_\_s t\_ g\_v\_ \_ r\_d c\_rd t\_ pl\_y\_rs wh\_ c\_v\_r th\_\_r m\_\_ths wh\_n th\_y s\_y th\_ngs t\_ \_th\_r pl\_y\_rs. \_f \_ pl\_y\_r \_s sh\_wn \_ r\_d c\_rd, th\_y \_r\_s\_s\_nt \_ff \_nd m\_st l\_\_v\_ th\_ f\_\_tb\_ll p\_tch. R\_c\_ntly, th\_r\_ h\_v\_ b\_\_n s\_v\_r\_l c\_s\_s \_f pl\_y\_rs b\_\_ng r\_c\_st. L\_st m\_nth, Br\_z\_l\_\_n \_nt\_rn\_t\_\_n\_l V\_n\_c\_\_s J\_n\_\_r, 25, w\_s pl\_y\_ng f\_r R\_\_l M\_dr\_d \_g\_\_nst B\_nf\_c\_ \_n th\_ Ch\_m\_p\_\_ns L\_\_g\_\_. Th\_ m\_tch w\_s s\_sp\_nd\_d f\_r t\_n m\_n\_t\_s \_ft\_r V\_n\_c\_\_s J\_n\_\_r cl\_\_m\_d th\_t \_ B\_nf\_c\_ pl\_y\_r h\_d r\_c\_\_lly \_ns\_lt\_d h\_m. V\_n\_c\_\_s h\_s f\_c\_d 20 c\_s\_s \_f r\_c\_\_l \_b\_s\_s\_nc\_ j\_\_n\_ng M\_dr\_d \_n 2018.

F\_F\_ b\_ss G\_\_nn\_ \_nf\_nt\_n\_ w\_nts f\_\_tb\_ll\_rs wh\_ c\_v\_r th\_\_r m\_\_ths d\_r\_ng \_rg\_m\_n\_t\_s t\_ b\_ s\_nt \_ff. \_ny pl\_y\_r r\_c\_\_v\_ng \_ r\_d c\_rd f\_r d\_scr\_m\_n\_t\_\_n c\_n f\_c\_ \_ 10-m\_tch b\_n. Mr \_nf\_nt\_n\_ sp\_k\_ t\_ r\_p\_r\_t\_rs \_t Sky N\_ws. H\_ s\_\_d \_f \_ pl\_y\_r c\_v\_r\_d th\_\_r m\_\_th \_nd s\_\_d s\_m\_th\_ng, th\_ c\_m\_m\_n\_t c\_\_ld b\_ r\_c\_st, s\_ th\_t pl\_y\_r h\_s t\_ b\_ s\_nt \_ff. H\_ \_dd\_d th\_t pl\_y\_rs wh\_ c\_v\_r th\_\_r m\_\_ths m\_st h\_v\_ s\_\_d s\_m\_th\_ng th\_y sh\_\_ldn't h\_v\_, \_th\_rw\_s\_ th\_y w\_\_ldn't h\_v\_ h\_d t\_ c\_v\_r th\_\_r m\_\_th. R\_\_l M\_dr\_d \_s h\_ppy th\_t F\_F\_ \_s th\_nk\_ng \_b\_\_t \_ n\_w r\_d-c\_rd r\_l\_. \_t s\_\_d \_t w\_\_ld \_ls\_ "c\_nt\_n\_\_ w\_rk\_ng, \_n c\_ll\_b\_r\_t\_\_n w\_th \_ll \_nst\_t\_t\_\_ns, t\_ g\_t r\_d \_f r\_c\_sm, v\_\_l\_nc\_, \_nd h\_t\_ \_n sp\_r\_t \_nd s\_c\_\_ty".

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FIFA, the organization that controls world football (or soccer), wants to make a new rule to stop racism. It wants referees to give a red card to players who cover their mouths when they say things to other players. If a player is shown a red card, they are sent off and must leave the football pitch. Recently, there have been several cases of players being racist. Last month, Brazilian international Vinicius Junior, 25, was playing for Real Madrid against Benfica in the Champions League. The match was suspended for ten minutes after Vinicius Junior claimed that a Benfica player had racially insulted him. Vinicius has faced 20 cases of racial abuses since joining Madrid in 2018. FIFA boss Gianni Infantino wants footballers who cover their mouths during arguments to be sent off. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination can face a 10-match ban. Mr Infantino spoke to reporters at Sky News. He said if a player covered their mouth and said something, the comment could be racist, so that player has to be sent off. He added that players who cover their mouths must have said something they shouldn't have, otherwise they wouldn't have had to cover their mouth. Real Madrid is happy that FIFA is thinking about a new red-card rule. It said it would also continue working, in collaboration with all institutions, to get rid of racism, violence, and hate in sport and society".





# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. RED CARD:** Write a magazine article about giving sports players for making racist, sexist, homophobic, and other hurtful comments. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 racism. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can end it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a    2. c    3. e    4. f    5. d    6. b    7. g  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. b	5. c
6. j	7. d	8. a	9. h	10. f

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. FIFA
2. Referees
3. Ten minutes
4. Twenty times
5. 2018
6. For ten matches
7. Sky News
8. Happy
9. Institutions
10. Violence and hate

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Make a new rule to stop racism.
2. It wants referees to give a red card.
3. When they say things to other players.
4. There have been cases of players being racist.
5. The match was suspended for ten minutes.
6. Footballers who cover their mouths during arguments.
7. Any player receiving a red card for discrimination.
8. That player has to be sent off.
9. FIFA is thinking about a new red-card rule.
10. It would continue working in collaboration with institutions.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a    2. c    3. b    4. d    5. a    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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