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English Football

THE PREMIERSHIP

There are a lot of famous football teams in England. There are twenty teams in the Premiership. This means they are the top teams in England. In May, the team in the Premiership with the most points are the champions. They win a big prize called the Premiership Trophy.

WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

There are players from other countries in English teams. Mario Melchiot comes from Amsterdam in Holland but he plays for Chelsea. Thierry Henry comes from Paris but he plays for Arsenal. English players like David Beckham and Michael Owen play in the Premiership. Beckham comes from London and he plays for Manchester United. Michael Owen lives in North Wales but he plays for Liverpool.

MICHAEL OWEN

Michael Owen was born on the 14th December, 1979. He lives with his family in North Wales. Michael earns a lot of money because he is a top football player. He likes to buy houses for his family. He owns three houses in the same street! He is famous because he scores lots of goals. He is a striker. He plays in a Number 10 shirt for England. He was European Footballer of the Year in 2001. He is rich and famous but he likes to live an ordinary life. He signs autographs and talks to journalists and is polite to his fans, but the important thing for Michael is to play good football.

He trains almost every day with the other players in the Liverpool team, and in his free time he likes playing golf, snooker or table tennis. He loves horse-racing too.

TALK TO MOJO

He owns a race-horse called Talk to Mojo. The name has Michael's initials (M. O.) and the first letters of all his family's names: His sisters are called Lesley and Karen. Michael's father and mother are called Terry and Janette;



Michael's brothers are called Terry and Andrew. Can you make a name for a horse from your family's names?



Find out more on English football and the career of Michael Owen on the Internet on www.footballculture.net/ and www.soccernet.com/england/players/owenmichael.html



WORD CHECK

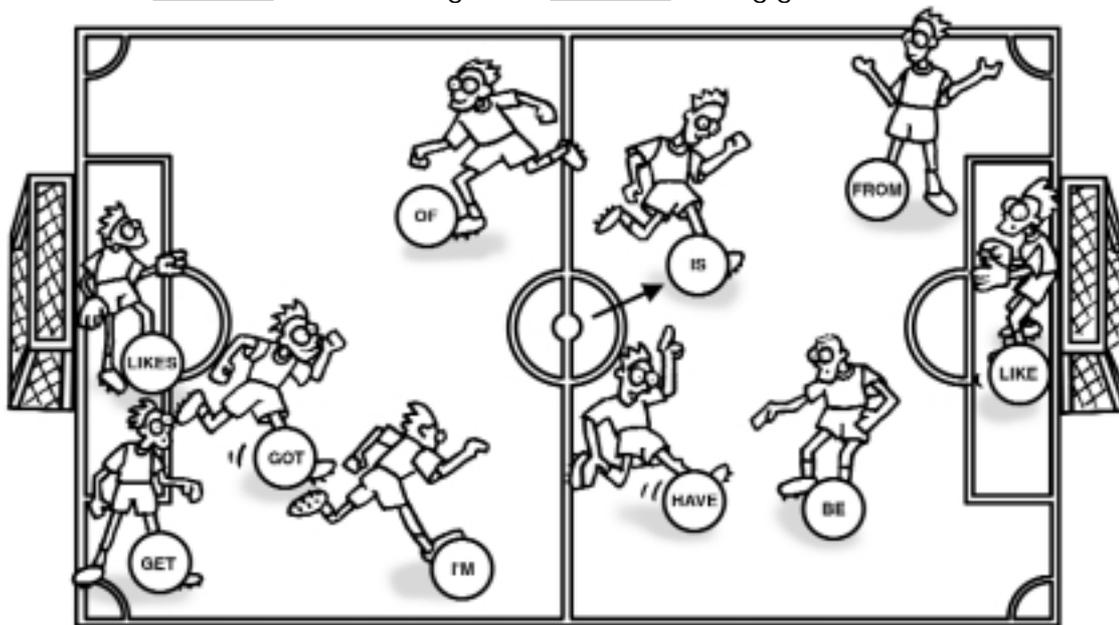
What is it in your language? Find out!

- top =
- point =
- prize =
- trophy =
- to earn =
- same =
- to score =
- goal =
- striker =
- ordinary =
- to sign =
- polite =
- snooker =
- horse-racing =
- initial =
- first =

Help Michael Owen Score a Goal!

Read about Michael Owen. Draw a line to the ball with the correct word in it.
Draw the goal that Michael scores.

My name is Michael Owen. younger than David Beckham. I've two brothers and two sisters. I'm Chester in England. I scoring goals.



The Fans

Look at these fans. They are watching a football match. How do they feel?
Match the feeling to the pictures.

- A** He's angry. 3
- B** She's bored.
- C** They're sad.
- D** He's hungry.
- E** He's happy.



What's going to happen next?

- 6** He's going to buy a sandwich.
- 7** She's not going to watch football again.
- 8** His team is going to win!
- 9** Their team is going to lose.
- 10** His favourite player is going to get a red card.



The Tower of London

WHERE IS IT?

The Tower of London is on the River Thames, near Tower Bridge.

HOW CAN YOU GET THERE?

By bus, by car, by underground ('the Tube') and by boat.

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE TUBE STATION?

It's called Tower Hill.

HOW OLD IS THE TOWER OF LONDON?

It's 900 years old. It's very strong. The walls are 4 metres thick! It's called 'The Tower of London' but there are 21 towers.

WHY IS IT FAMOUS?

It's got Beefeaters, ravens, the Crown Jewels and ghosts.

WHAT ARE BEEFEATERS?

They are special guards. There are 40 Beefeaters in the Tower. They live in the Tower. They wear blue and red clothes every day but on special days they wear red and gold clothes.

WHAT ARE RAVENS?

Ravens are big black birds. They eat meat. Every day they eat 150 grams of meat, eggs, and biscuits with blood. There are six ravens at the Tower. The Beefeaters give meat to the ravens every day.

ARE YOU AFRAID OF GHOSTS?

People say the Salt Tower has got ghosts. The Beefeaters don't go there when it's dark!

WHAT ARE THE CROWN JEWELS?

They are the Queen's special jewels. She wears them once a year.

HOW MANY JEWELS ARE ON THE QUEEN'S CROWN?

There are 2,868 jewels on the crown.

DOES THE QUEEN LIVE IN THE TOWER OF LONDON?

No, she lives in Buckingham Palace.



www.toweroflondontour.com/tolarea.html

www.nationalgeographic.com/world/0101/tower/tower2.html

WORD CHECK

What is it in your language?
Find out!

- underground =
- strong =
- thick =
- famous =
- crown =
- jewel =
- ghost =
- special =
- guard =
- gold =
- biscuit =
- blood =
- afraid of =
- dark =
- once =

