



Soccer Match

Conversation > Advanced 7



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

consecutive	In an unbroken sequence, happening one after the other.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: We've hit our sales targets for three consecutive quarters.</i>

sloppy	Careless, very casual.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Mourinho blamed sloppy defending for his side's shock 2-1 home defeat.</i>

goalkeeper	A soccer player whose job is to stop the ball from going into his or her team's goal.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The goalkeeper managed to stop the shot with a spectacular save.</i>

fatigue	Extreme tiredness caused by physical or mental activity.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He is suffering from mental fatigue.</i>



MVP	The most valuable player.
[noun]	<i>Ex: She was named MVP two seasons in a row.</i>

tackle	(in soccer) To attempt to take the ball from an opponent.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He committed a foul when attempting to tackle the opposition player.</i>

scout	A person whose job is to find people good at singing, dancing, sport, etc. and offer them jobs.
[noun]	<i>Ex: His job as a scout is to find new talent.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

David: That took forever! What's the score? Did I miss anything?

Ted: They're still tied. Our defense has been sloppy. We almost let in a goal, however the goalkeeper saved it.

David: The goalkeeper saved another goal? He definitely deserves to be the MVP this season.

Ted: Yeah, he's so talented. Can you believe a scout found him at a high-school soccer game?

David: It's really unbelievable! You can't argue with talent.

Ted: Two years later and he's a professional athlete, it's crazy.

David: Oh my god, did you see that? We keep causing penalties when we try to tackle.



Ted: That was terrible. Another example of our sloppy defense. He just gave them a free-kick.

David: They better not score off it. That'd be the third consecutive time that we've given away a goal.

Ted: They're just no good in the second half of the game.

David: You're right. They always pull ahead at the start of the game, but later the fatigue sets in.

Ted: You would think professional players would be fit enough to last for a whole game.

David: The other team manages to do it. Why can't we?

Ted: It's a mystery. There are still twenty minutes left on the clock, let's see what happens!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

fatigue
goalkeeper
tackled
consecutive
scout
MVP
sloppy

1. Another _____ pass like that might lose them the whole game.
2. He _____ his opponent bravely and gained possession of the ball.
3. Retail sales rose for the fifth _____ month.
4. A good _____ has the ability to see future success.
5. She was suffering from _____ and she needed to take a break.
6. For a _____, it's a great advantage to have big hands.
7. He was named the league's _____ two years in a row.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You and your friend Bob went to a junior soccer match yesterday. You were impressed by the game, but your friend wasn't. Talk about the match and find out why your friend didn't like the game. The teacher can be Bob.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you like soccer? Why? Why not?
2. Is soccer popular in your country? Why? Why not?
3. Have you ever seen a live soccer match? If so, what was it like?
4. What other sports are popular in your country?
5. What sport do you like playing the most? Why?