



## READING

## LANGUAGE

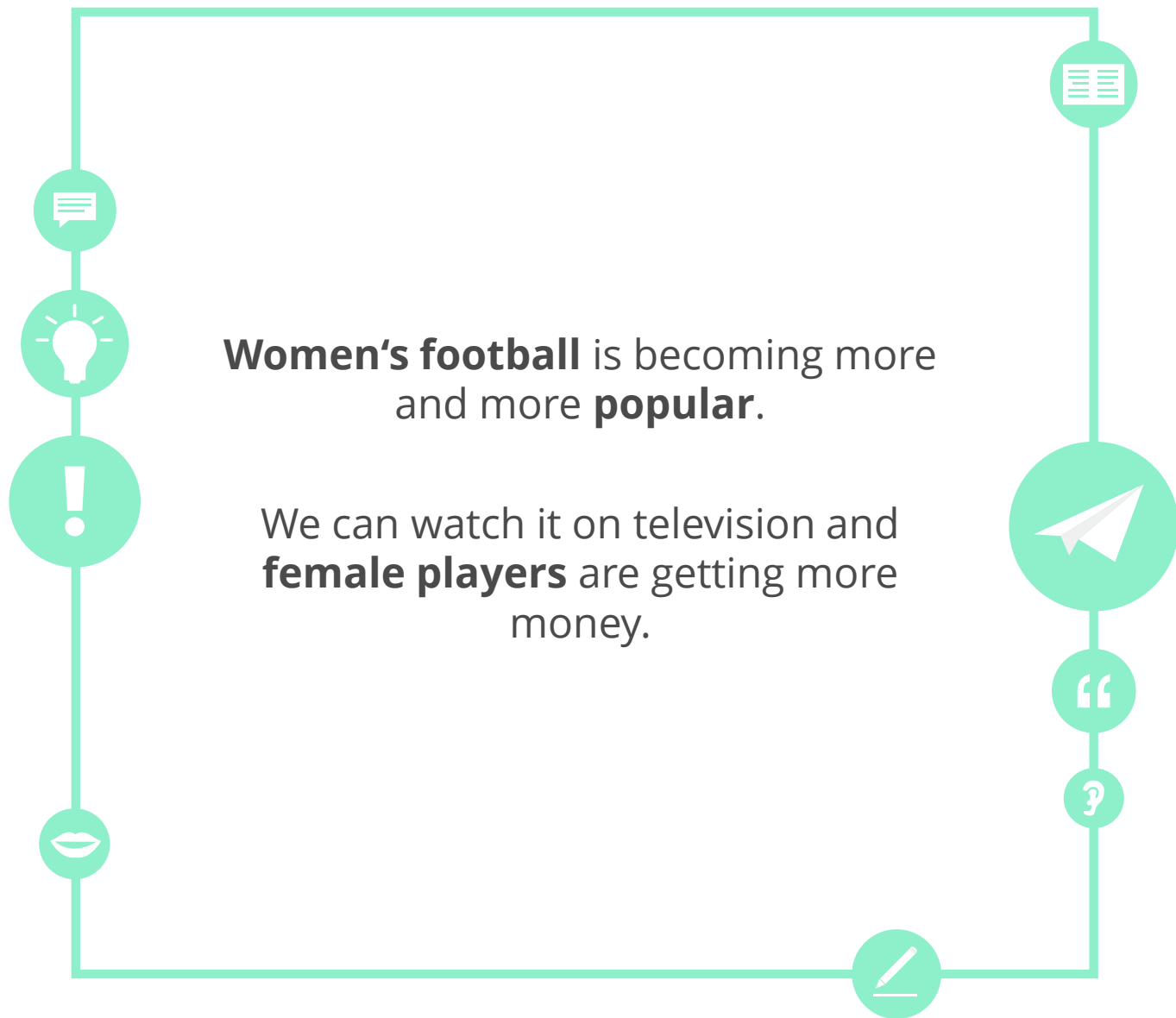
English



## Goals

- Can read a short text about female football.
- Can engage in conversation about difficulties for women in football.







## Reading

Women's football is becoming more and more popular across the world.

**Professional** female players still do not get the same large **salaries** as male players. But football is now a professional sport for women.

Let's look at the story of one player. She has seen women's football become a new trend.





## Reading

Jane Silver is an English professional footballer. She played in the highest league for women's football for more than 20 years.

She also played for England at international level. She was in her country's team for the European and World Cups over 10 times in total.

She started her career in 1980, playing for a local football team.





## Reading



From there she studied at an **academy** from 1982-1985, where she also played at regional level.

Later, a **coach** for the England team saw her play at a match.

He invited her to become a part of the England women's youth football team.



## Put the story in order

1

2

3

4

A

Jane studies at a football academy.

B

Jane signs to play for an international youth team.

C

A coach sees Jane playing at a match and is impressed with her.

D

Jane starts her career playing for her local football team.



What do the following words in the text refer to?

coach

salaries

professional

academy





Discuss with a partner

**Up to now, what was  
the most important  
moment in Jane's  
career?**



## Reading

Jane signed a full professional contract in 1990 with Ardsham Football Club. This club was the biggest club in England at the time.

She began playing matches in the highest women's football league in the UK with the club. In 1991 she competed for the first time in the World Cup for England.

At the start of the next year she was named one of the best female footballers in the world.



## Reading

After her first appearance at international level as a professional, she got injured.

She could not play football for nearly six months.

She missed the European Cup and almost all of the next season of the women's league.





## Reading slide



Jane quickly recovered from her injury. She returned to the sport the following year in 1993.

She was one of the best players in the female game. But she still received a lot less money than the male players.

This was typical in the 1990s.



What happened in each of these years?

1990

1991

1992

1993



## Retell the story

**Build sentences about Jane Silver's career using the words below**





What does this refer to in Jane Silver's career?





Think back to Jane's story

**What challenges did female footballers have in the 90s?**

**Has this changed in your opinion?**





## Reading

Jane ended her career in 2005 after competing in 4 World Cups and several European Cups.

She is now a **coach** for another women's football team. So, she is still earning money from the sport.

She loves helping her young female players. They all want to be like Jane!





## Reading

Women's football is still not as popular as men's football.

But it has recently seen an increase in popularity in the last few years.

There are still problems with pay and also female footballers are often not as famous as male stars.





## Reading



The difference in wages however and the number of opportunities are changing.

The future of women's football looks very bright!



What do these pictures represent in Jane's story?

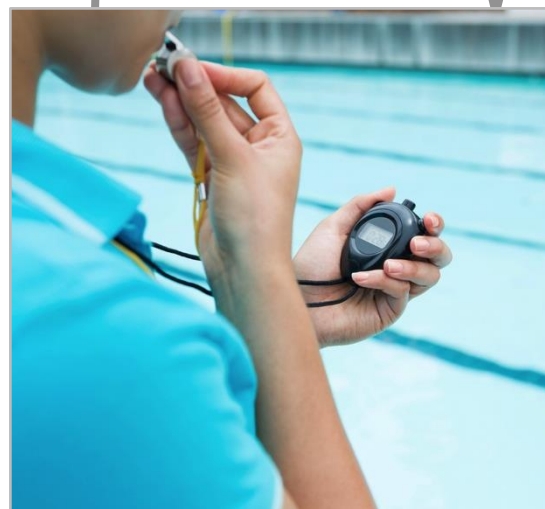




Imagine you are...

... Jane Silver and have recently retired from football. What jobs can you try next?

- Think about other jobs in the sports industry that do not involve playing professionally.





Discuss this with a partner

**The future of  
women's  
football is very  
bright**





## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again







## Answer key

### Exercise 1, p.7

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. B

### Exercise 2, p.13

1990 – Jane signs a full professional contract with Ardsham Football Club  
1991 – Jane begins playing matches in the highest women's football league in the UK  
1992 – Jane is named one of the best female footballers in the world  
1993 – Jane returns to professional football





## Homework complete the sentences

### Complete the following sentences

1. A player can become a \_\_\_\_\_ when they retire.
2. Female footballers do not get as much \_\_\_\_\_ as the men.
3. Women's football is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ popular.
4. The future of women's football looks \_\_\_\_\_.



## Homework writing activity

**Write some sentences about your experience of women's football. Have you watched it? How was it? If not why not?**

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## Homework answer key

Pp 27  
1. Coach  
2. Money  
3. More  
4. Bright



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