

LISTENING ANSWER KEY: World footballing stereotypes

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A. Listening for details

Listen to the five football fans talking about their image of six nations' football teams. Fill in the spaces with their descriptions (adjectives and phrases).

	Tim	Ed	Hens	John
Germany	Efficient	Unfortunately successful	Excellent team, always in finals	complex
Italy	Tactical, conniving, lucky	Prima donnas	Hot and cold, winners and losers, sometimes cheats, like to dive, technically strong	Conniving, cunning, capable of exhilarating and boring moments
Argentina	Creole football, dribbling, playing the ref.	Hard workers	Very strong, tough mentally and physically, all round solid soccer team	entertaining
England	Bottlers, bad penalty takers, WAGs	Victory	Promise more than the deliver, great players, lack the mentality to go all the way	Perennial underperformer, amazing individual talent, not capable of good team performances
Brazil	Flair, style, overweight strikers	Style	Samba stylish dance, play, dribble, mentally hot and cold	nothing
Holland	Good tradition, bad present	Underperformers	Beautiful to watch, collapse at the quarter final stage, mentally not strong	Well-organised, in fighting, generally good on the field

B. Listening and Inferring

Now listen to the last fan. Can you guess which teams he is talking about? Match his descriptions with the countries.

1 st description	Italy	
2 nd description	Germany	
3 rd description	Brazil	
4 th description	England	
5 th description	Holland	
6 th description	Argentina	