



**LISTENING: World footballing stereotypes**

In order to do this task, you should follow these steps:

1. Listen to the podcast.
2. Do the exercises below.
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text.

✓ **WORKSHEET**

**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				
Italy				
Argentina				
England				
Brazil				
Holland				

**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.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> description</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> description</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> description</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> description</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> description</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> description</b>	

### ✓ VOCABULARY SUPPORT

- **conniving**: cunning, clever (negative meaning)/ Astuto, listo (connotación negativa)
- **Creole**: criollo (language developed from Pidgin)
- **to dribble**: to move with the ball at your feet, take a lot of touches and beat opposition players/ Regatear, fintar
- **to bottle**: to lack courage at an important moment; to give up; to let nerves beat you/ Perder el valor en un momento importante; abandonar; permitir que los nervios te controlen
- **WAGs**: wives and girlfriends/ Esposas y novias
- **flair**: talent, style, aptitude, skill/ Talento, estilo, aptitud, habilidad
- **prima donna**: someone who thinks he is star (but others do not agree); someone who wants to be treated like a king or queen/ Alguien que piensa que es una estrella, aunque otros piensen que no lo es; alguien que quiere ser tratado como tal
- **underperformer**: someone who exhibits a level of performance that is below the standard/ Alguien que muestra un nivel de rendimiento por debajo de lo común
- **hot and cold**: sometimes very good, sometimes terrible
- **dive**: attempt by a player to gain an unfair advantage by diving to the ground and possibly feigning an injury, to appear as if a foul has been committed/ intento, por parte de un jugador, de ganar ventaja tirándose al suelo o fingiendo una lesión para que parezca que le han hecho falta
- **tough**: harsh/ Duro, fuerte
- **stupifyingly**: astoundingly/ Asombrosamente
- **perennial**: lasting or active through the year or through many years/ Eterno, perenne, continuo

✓ **PODCAST TRANSCRIPT**

**World Footballing Stereotypes**

**How would you describe Brazilian football? German football? Or Italian football? On this week's show we ask some fans to describe the playing styles and characteristics of six top footballing nations.**

**Conversation 1**

Damon: OK. Germany

Tim: Germany... efficient

Damon: Italy

Tim: Italy... tactical, a little bit **conniving** and lucky

Damon: Argentina:

Tim: **Creole** football, **dribbling**, and playing the ref

Damon: England

Tim: **Bottlers**, bad penalty takers, WAGs

Damon: Brazil

Tim: **Flair**, style, overweight strikers

Damon: Holland

Tim: Good tradition, bad present

**Conversation 2**

Damon: Germany

Ed: Unfortunately successful

Damon: Italy

Ed: **Prima donnas**

Damon: Argentina

Ed: Hard workers

Damon: England

Ed: Victory!

Damon: Brazil

Ed: Style

Damon: Holland

Ed: **Underperformers**

### Conversation 3

Damon: Germany

Hans: Excellent team, always in finals, work hard. Team mentality

Damon: Italy

Hans: **Hot and cold**. They're winners and losers and sometimes cheat – like to **dive**, but technically very strong

Damon: Argentina

Hans: Very strong, very **tough** mentally and physically – all round solid soccer team

Damon: Brazil

Hans: Often referred to as a sort of a samba, stylish, like to dance, play, dribble, but mentally again hot and cold, sometimes very weak

Damon: England

Hans: England always promises more than they deliver. Great players, but as a team they seem to lack the mentality to go all the way.

Damon: Holland

Hans: Traditionally, beautiful to watch, but seem to collapse at the quarter final stage, so mentally not as strong

### Conversation 4

Damon: OK, Germany

John: Complex

Damon: Italy

John: Conniving, cunning, always looking for the opportunity. Capable of the most exhilarating moments and some of the most **stupifyingly** boring moments all in the one game

Damon: Argentina:

John: Almost always entertaining

Damon: Brazil

John: I've got nothing for you.

Damon: England

John: **Perennial** underperformers. Disappointingly under-performing. Amazing individual talent that they never seem to be able to put together into a team performance

Damon: Holland

John: Holland always seems very organised on the field, but accompanied by all the stories of in-fighting and who's not getting on with whom, but it generally looks good on the field.

**Last conversation** (last fan)

**For a last fan, listen and guess which country he is talking about.**

Simon: Tendency to be cynical... efficient and robotic... the beautiful game... under-achievement and disappointment ... total football historically... beautiful on their day but can be dirty.