



LISTENING

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY REVIEW SECTION

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

1. Listen to the podcast until the minute 4'20.
2. Do the exercises below.
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text if necessary.

✓ WORKSHEET

1. In the Premier League match that Damian is going to see at the Emirates Stadium, he will be supporting...
 - a. Arsenal
 - b. Spurs
 - c. Middlesbrough
 - d. The north-eastern side Spurs
2. The 17-year old Ben Woodburn, who was given a three-year contract at Liverpool, is from a town called...
 - a. Tattenhall
 - b. Liverpool
 - c. Chesire
 - d. Chester
3. The player Alan McCormack was suspended for several matches because...
 - a. He verbally mistreated a female assistant referee.
 - b. He physically assaulted a female assistant referee.
 - c. He used harsh language involving sexism towards a female assistant referee.
 - d. A and C are correct.
4. Nowadays, Gary Lineker is...
 - a. A striker
 - b. A TV presenter
 - c. One of the people in England who is in charge of child refugees
 - d. A football player, as well as a TV presenter

✓ VOCABULARY SUPPORT

- **To ache:** to have or suffer a continuous pain
- **Scoreless draw:** it refers to a game in which neither team has scored any goals or points.
- **To blink:** to open and close the eyes
- **Slump:** a period of time in which a team performs ineffectively
- **Dip in:** a temporary decrease
- **To draw:** to finish a game with neither side winning
- **To be thrashed:** to be defeated thoroughly
- **Sexist abuse:** harsh or insulting language involving or fostering sexism.
- **Sexism:** attitudes or behaviour based on traditional views about sexual roles of men and women
- **Support:** assistance, aid, help
- **Refugee:** a person who flees for refuge or safety, especially to a foreign country, as in time of political trouble, war, etc.
- **Kindness:** the state or quality of being kind (kind: helpful, considerate, humane, compassionate)

✓ PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

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DF: Hello everyone and thanks for listening to our football language podcast for all those who wish to improve their English language skills.

My name is Damian and I am talking to you from London, here in the UK, where the weather is cold and foggy. In fact, the Olympic Stadium which is very near my house or the London Stadium now, where West Ham will host Sunderland, later on today, is covered in early morning fog. Hello Damon, how are things there in Tokyo?

DB: Very good, indeed, except I'm **aching** all over, Damian, after the football match I had this morning. We did win, which is some compensation. How about you, any footballing plans this weekend?

DF: Well Damon, I'm off to see a Premier League game at the Emirates Stadium, Arsenal versus Middlesbrough, where, of course, as a Spurs fan, I'll be supporting the north-eastern side Middlesbrough though I have a feeling they'll find it hard going today!

DB: Brilliant! There could be lots of goals. Make sure you take a few photos and post them on our Instagram feed!

DF: Will do! Now, on this week's show, we will be looking back at some of the big football stories from the week in our Good, the Bad and the Ugly review section. Then, we'll have our regular weekly quiz and, after that, we will be focusing on some key language from the past week, including the phrase **scoreless draw**, while we also look ahead to the big games in our predictions battle: Chelsea host Jose Mourinho's Manchester United and Spurs travel to Bournemouth.

DF: Damon, let's start with our Good, the Bad and Ugly section. What was good in the footballing news this week for you?

Good

DB: Well, can I be a bit selfish and talk about some news about my home village? Last weekend 17-year old Ben Woodburn from the same Cheshire village I was born and brought up in was given a three- year professional contract at Liverpool! Great news for the rising star, but also brilliant for all with a connection to Tattenhall in Cheshire. **Blink** and you'll miss it!

Bad

DB: As for bad, it has not been a good couple of weeks for Manchester City and their boss, Pep Guardiola, as they have not won a game in their last three matches: a **slump** or **dip in** form that has seen them **draw** at home with Everton, lose to Spurs and **be thrashed** 4-0 by Barcelona in this week's Champions League.

Ugly

DF: Interesting times for Pep Guardiola's side, indeed. Now, I'm going to mention two ugly things from the football world this week. First up, a player from Championship side Brentford, Alan McCormack , was suspended for five matches for **sexist abuse** of a female assistant referee in a recent championship game. Outdated views, indeed.

DB: I agree; bad, indeed. Now, I remember 10 years ago, in one of our earliest ever podcasts, we talked about this issue of **sexism** in football and it looks like it is still around. If you want to check out that podcast, come along to our site, it is our fourth ever podcast, so that's 10 years ago as I said, so come along to our site [languagecaster.com](http://www.languagecaster.com) put in sexism and I'm sure you'll find it.

You said two things Damian?

DF: The second bit of ugliness related to football this week is all about former England, Leicester, Barcelona and Tottenham striker, Gary Lineker. He is also the presenter of the most popular football show on TV here in England, Match of the Day, but he has been receiving a lot of abuse after he offered **support** to child **refugees** coming to England. It is really sad that someone who offers support and **kindness** to vulnerable people is being attacked.

DB: We love you, Lineker!

DF: Yes, indeed.