



LISTENING

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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

1. Listen to the podcast until minute 3'11.
2. Do the exercises below. There is only one correct answer for each question.
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text if necessary.

✓ WORKSHEET

1. According to the podcast, the city where Damon is talking from is...
 - a. London
 - b. A city in Brazil
 - c. Tokyo
 - d. A city in Egypt
2. The nickname 'the Indomitable Lions' refers to...
 - a. Cameroon national football team
 - b. Egypt national football team
 - c. Burkina Faso national football team
 - d. Ghana national football team
3. Leicester City football club...
 - a. is likely to win the Premier League title
 - b. is placed almost at the bottom of the Premier League table
 - c. is very happy with its manager: Ranieri
 - d. is not near the drop zone
4. The number of people that were murdered in an anti-LGBT attack in Orlando was...
 - a. 29
 - b. 39
 - c. 59
 - d. 49

✓ VOCABULARY SUPPORT

- **Dogpile:** the action of a player who scores a goal and then slides in celebration. Then, his or her team mates all jump on top of him making a pile of bodies
- **Piggy in the middle:** this is when one player is chasing the ball, which is being passed around him by at least three players. Chasing the ball, the player looks a bit silly, as it is easy for the other players to keep passing the ball when he or she gets close.
- **Squeeze past:** to narrowly win a game that should easily be won, that is, with more difficulty than it is necessary
- **Deadlocked:** a state in which progress is impossible
- **A cracker:** a very exciting match, usually with a lot of goals or a great goal
- **Slide down:** to fall gradually
- **Relegation:** when a team has to move down to a division because of poor results
- **Face the chop:** be threatened with losing your job
- **Be sacked:** be dismissed from your job
- **Rot:** decay
- **Unrest:** discontentment
- **Deck out:** decorate, adorn

✓ PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

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DB: You're listening to Languagecaster football language podcast. My name's Damon and I'm in a sunny Tokyo with spring not too far away. Now, unfortunately, we don't have Damian down the end of the phone line in London this week, but I'm sure he is looking forward to the football this weekend just as much as I am and I hope you are too, listener.

Line up

Ok, we're going to start the show with the good, the bad and the ugly; three stories from the week footballing news. Then, we'll discuss a few phrases from football, especially a couple sent in by José from Brazil: **dogpile** and **piggy in the middle**. And just before our predictions at the end of the show, we'll have our weekly quiz question, which this week is connected with penalties.

Good

Congratulations to Egypt and Cameroon as both teams reached the final of the African Cup of Nations. Egypt **squeezed past** Burkina Faso 4-3 on penalties after the game was **deadlocked** at 1-1 after extra time. In the other semi-final, Cameroon had an impressive win over one of the pre-tournament favourites, Ghana. The Indomitable Lions beat the Black Stars 2-0. The final is on Sunday and there is no clear favourite. Hopefully it will be **a cracker!**

Bad

Now for bad. Things are looking very bad for the current reigning Premier League and English champions, Leicester. The East Midlands side that shocked the football world by claiming the Premier League title last year are now **sliding down** the table towards the **relegation** places. The manager who took them to the title, Ranieri, could even **face the chop, be sacked**, if he can't stop the **rot**. The Foxes sit in 16th place, two points above Crystal Palace in 18th and the drop zone. Rumours of players' **unrest** with the manager and a run of only 2 wins in 13 outings mean alarm bells are ringing at the King Power stadium.

Ugly

And I'm going to finish in the ugly section not with an ugly. We've had too much bad news in the world recently, haven't we? Hats off to MLS club Orlando City who have **decked out** 49 of their new stadium's seats in rainbow colours in a tribute to the 49 people who were murdered in an anti-LGBT attack in one of the city's nightclubs last June. Wonderful gesture!