



LISTENING

LIVERPOOL V TOTTENHAM

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

1. Listen to the podcast until minute 4'09.
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. Batshuayi's play was a bit disappointing when he was playing for...

- a. Tottenham
- b. Dortmund
- c. Chelsea
- d. FC Köln

2. The winger Theo Walcott is currently playing for...

- a. Liverpool
- b. Leicester
- c. Arsenal
- d. Everton

3. The reason why the head of player recruitment was fired was...

- a. treason
- b. racism
- c. disloyalty
- d. fraud

4. Tony Henry claimed that some African players are...

- a. troublesome
- b. conservative
- c. liars
- d. risky

✓ VOCABULARY SUPPORT

- **Loanee:** a sportsperson who is loaned from one organization to another
- **Horror tackles:** really hard tackles
- **Take one for the team:** this verb phrase refers to a situation when a player deliberately fouls an opponent to stop a very dangerous attack. "One" means a yellow card, so the player knows that their tackle will mean a yellow card.



- **Transfer window:** two periods of the year when clubs are allowed to buy and sell players
- **On loan:** when one club lends a player to another club for no money
- **Promptly:** quickly, immediately
- **To bag a brace:** to get or to obtain two goals
- **Winger:** a position on the team, on the left or right-hand side. Players who play in this position are usually very fast and skillful.
- **Were in the wars:** were injured

✓ PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

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DB: You are listening to Languagecaster's football language podcast. Hi there, everybody. My name's Damon and I live in Tokyo. The football season is over in Japan, but there's plenty of football going on around the world. I wonder if Damian has been watching any recently? Damian, how are you and what football have you been watching this week?

DF: Hi Damon, I'm doing well. As for football, well, I managed to watch Tottenham v Manchester United on Wednesday evening and was very happy to see my team Spurs put in a strong performance against second-placed Manchester United. Hopefully they can continue that good form this weekend.

DB: Yes, they were very, very impressive. And as for this weekend, you must be talking about the Languagecaster derby, Liverpool v Tottenham. Well, we'll talk about that at the end of the show in our predictions section. What else is on the show?

Line up

DF: Yes, and, just before, I give you the run down. Don't forget that listeners can read the transcript of the show by coming along to our site or by following on their phones. So, we'll start with some news from the footballing world this week, including stories about **loanees** and **horror tackles**. We've got some football phrases to explain for those wanting to learn more about footballing English and this week we'll talk about '**take one for the team**' and the cliché 'play football the right way'.

DB: And have we got a quiz question?

DF: Yes we do, and this week it is about goal scorers, strikers: players who find the back of the net.

DB: Interesting! And that'll bring us to predictions at the end of the show, right?

DF: Yes, that's right!



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DB: And thanks for that message from Izzy in London! And we'd love more of you to send us a message like that with the team you follow and where you are from in English or your own language; just include 'you are listening to languagecaster.com.' Right, now, the good, the bad and the ugly; the footballing news. What was good, Damian?

Good

DF: Well, it was good for two players who were let go by their clubs in **the transfer window**. Chelsea sent Batshuayi out **on loan** to Dortmund, after failing to impress this season with the Blues. He **promptly bagged a brace**, that's two goals, and set up the winner for his new club against FC Köln.

Another player to make an immediate impact at his new club was Theo Walcott, who left Arsenal for Everton. The **winger**, who never seemed to fully fulfill his potential at the London club, also scored twice, as the Toffees beat Leicester. Good to see two players enjoying success after their moves.

Bad

DB: What about bad, Damian?

DF: Well, Manchester City players **were in the wars** this week, as two of their opponents, Cardiff City in the FA Cup and West Brom in the League, tried to kick them off the park. Leroy Sane was carried off after a horror tackle by Cardiff's Joe Bennett and will miss seven weeks of action, while Matt Phillipps and James McClean's tackles on City players in the West Brom game also made the headlines. I wonder if teams are trying to target City players. How about ugly, Damian?

Ugly

DB: Yes, terrible tackles. An ugly week for West Ham, as the club faces problems off the pitch. Now, the head of player recruitment, Tony Henry, was sacked after making racist comments. He said that West Ham would limit the number of African players, as some have a bad attitude and they can be disruptive in the dressing room. Perhaps more troubling is that Henry said his position was supported by senior management, which suggests that this attitude is not that of one individual. The club did the right thing by sacking Henry quickly, but still an ugly story.

DF: It's unbelievable that in this day and age there, you know, that kind of thinking still exists, doesn't it, Damon?

DB: It's amazing, yes.