

1. The Beautiful Game

The English Football Association was formed in London on October 26th, 1863. At first there wasn't much interest in the game, but all of that seems to have changed recently. This week's worksheet marks the birthday of the FA with a potted history of the game.

There are two pages to print. We recommend you download the PDF file format, but if you have any problems with this, you can download an RTF file instead.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/October/IO020S-FA.pdf>

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/October/IO020S-FA.rtf>

Level: Intermediate and above

How to use the lesson:

1. Elicit from your students where they think the game of football started.
2. Divide the class into two groups, A and B. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student in Group A and one copy of Worksheet B to each student in Group B.
3. Tell your students they have the same text, but there is some information missing from each worksheet. Explain that they are going to ask a member of the other group some questions to help them complete the text, but first they need to prepare the questions.
4. Ask the students to work with another member of the same group to prepare and write down the questions they need to ask to complete the text.
5. When all the students have prepared their questions, ask a student from Group A to work with a student from Group B. They should take it in turns to ask and answer the questions they have prepared and write the answers in the spaces in their texts.
6. When both students have finished asking and answering, allow them to compare worksheets.
7. Check answers in open class.

Suggested questions:

1. Who was the game of football invented by?
2. When did a group of London clubs agree to follow them (the schoolmaster's rules)?
3. What did the group call themselves?
4. What did the Chinese call the game?
5. What does *tsu cha* mean?
6. What was the ball made of?
7. Who enjoyed playing a game which they called *pheninda*?

8. What was the Roman game called?
9. When did Japanese Imperial society play *kemari*?
10. What does *kemari* mean?
11. What was in the middle of each wall?
12. When did Marco Polo visit China?
13. What did Marco Polo bring back from China?
14. Where was *calcio* developed?
15. Who tried to ban the game?
16. Who was the headmaster of Uppingham School?

For more work on subject/object questions see Unit 1 of *Inside Out* Intermediate Student's Book.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.the-fa.org/>

The official website of the Football Association

<http://www.fifa.com/>

International footballing organisation

http://www.fifa.com/wc/2002/index_E.html

Korea / Japan World Cup site

<http://www.no-cool.com/TJ/SPORT/kemari.html>

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