

'It's like scoring a hat-trick': how sport is aiming to drive sustainability

Level 2: Intermediate – Teacher's notes

Article summary: The article describes some ways in which sport is helping to fight climate change.

Time: 60 minutes

Skills: Reading, Speaking, Writing

Language focus: Vocabulary

Materials needed: One copy of the worksheet per student

1. Warmer

- a. The purpose of this activity is to introduce the topic. There is no correct answer but you can ask students to give reasons for their choice and you can also ask them which, if any, of these methods they already follow or intend to follow in the future.

2. Key words

- a. Ask students to do the exercise individually and then compare their answers in pairs or small groups. Note the pronunciation of *drought* – /draut/. It does not rhyme with *ought*, *nought*, *sought* or *bought*. The adjective *intestinal* relates to the noun *intestine*, which is often used in the plural. The term *white-collar* is normally used with the nouns *worker*, *work*, and *job*. The term for a manual worker, i.e., one who does not work in an office, but in manual labour or trades, is *blue-collar worker*.

Key:

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| 1. <i>kit</i> | 7. <i>intestinal</i> |
| 2. <i>obesity</i> | 8. <i>sustainable</i> |
| 3. <i>reuse</i> | 9. <i>fertilizer</i> |
| 4. <i>award</i> | 10. <i>white-collar</i> |
| 5. <i>drought</i> | 11. <i>outlay</i> |
| 6. <i>hazard</i> | 12. <i>hat-trick</i> |

3. Comprehension check

- a. The answers given are only suggested answers and students may correctly answer the questions in

different ways, e.g., in item 6, they may say 'It has mostly been in the southern hemisphere' or similar.

Key:

1. *False. They didn't go because the kit was too expensive.*
2. *False. It was Steffan Rees's idea.*
3. *True*
4. *False. They use it to provide sporting activities.*
5. *False. People are realizing that sport has been impacted by climate change.*
6. *False. It has mainly been in the global south.*
7. *True*
8. *True*
9. *False. It is planning to install electric charging points.*
10. *True*

4. Key language

- a. Students could be asked to do this exercise individually and then compare their answers in pairs.

Key:

1. *sustainability*
2. *obesity*
3. *sickness*
4. *unemployment*
5. *activity*
6. *drought*
7. *satisfaction*

5. Discussion

- a. Allow students time to note down their ideas about each statement and encourage them to say why they agree or disagree with each one.

6. In your own words

- a. Ask students to open an internet search engine and type *Play It Again Sport* into the browser. Ensure that they type in the word 'sport' in the singular. If they type in 'sports' they will be directed to an American commercial website selling sports goods. Encourage them to find as much information as possible about the charity and its activities.

The task could also be done as a homework task and students could then present their reports to the class.