

3 LISTENING

a Can you think of two disadvantages of being a professional football referee?

b **1.6** You're going to hear an interview with an ex-Champions League referee from Spain. Listen and choose a, b, or c.

1 What was the most exciting match he ever refereed?

- a His first professional match.
- b He can't choose just one.
- c Real Madrid against Barcelona.

2 Why does he mention Mauro Silva?

- a Because he was the best player he ever saw.
- b Because he was a great person.
- c Because he was a very good footballer and a good person.



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refereed 200 league and
50 international matches

3 The worst experience he ever had as a referee was...

- a when a player hit him during a match.
- b when a woman with a child tried to attack him.
- c when a 16-year-old boy attacked him.

4 Why does he think there is more cheating in football today?

- a Because football is big business.
- b Because the referees are worse.
- c Because footballers are better at cheating.

5 How does he say footballers cheat?

- a They fall over when nobody has touched them.
- b They accept money to lose matches.
- c They touch the ball with their hands.

6 What's the most difficult thing for him about being a referee?

- a Players who cheat.
- b Making decisions.
- c The rules are too complicated.

7 Does he think fair play still exists?

- a Yes.
- b No.
- c He doesn't say.

