

CLIL AND CULTURE

Football in Argentina



More than a sport ... a passion!

Football in Argentina is like a religion. The blue and yellow of Boca Juniors, the most popular team in the country, competes with the red and white of the big rival, River Plate. This sport is more popular here than anywhere else in the world. People are so passionate about it!

Football is a family passion that passes from grandparents to grandchildren. "I usually go to the stadium alone and I always meet some friends there." Marina, a Boca fan says: "We spend all day singing and celebrating. When I can't go to the stadium, I watch the match on TV".

But River and Boca are not the only football clubs that move fans. San Lorenzo, Banfield, All Boys, Vélez, Estudiantes, Independiente, Racing and many others are also members of this national fever. Each team also has its own symbols, songs and legends that help to affirm the sense of belonging to a group identity.



1 What do you know about Argentinian football? What is your favourite Argentinian football team? Do you watch the matches on TV or at the stadium?

2 Complete the sentences with the underlined words. Use capital letters when necessary.

1. A _____ is an enthusiastic devotee or admirer of a sport, celebrity, etc.
2. Some _____ in Argentina have English names.
3. _____ is something in which a person believes.
4. A _____ is a collective name given to a group of football players.
5. A _____ is a powerful emotion or feeling.

3 Is football the only cultural icon that represents Argentina? Write a word for each category.

Food

Drink

Dance

Animal

READING

1 Read this column from a magazine.

What do you do
in your free time?
Tell us about what
you do and what
you don't do!



What I do

In my free time, I do a lot of things. Sometimes, I stay at home. I listen to my iPod or to the radio and I play computer games. I also go out with friends. We go to the cinema because we love films, but we sometimes just hang around in shopping centres.

What I don't do

I don't watch a lot of TV because TV programmes aren't very good. I don't chat on Skype because I haven't got an internet connection. And I don't play sports because I do exercise at school with my friends.

Nadia ■

2 True or false?

1. Nadia has got an iPod.
2. She hasn't got a computer.
3. Nadia and her friends always go to the cinema.
4. They sometimes go to shopping centres.
5. Nadia hasn't got a TV.
6. She hasn't got an internet connection at home.
7. Nadia and her friends never play sports.

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LISTENING

1 Listen and circle the correct option.



1. The name of the radio station is _____.
a. XWY
b. WXY
c. XYW
2. Lucio is _____.
a. fourteen
b. fifteen
c. sixteen
3. He has got _____.
a. two sisters and three brothers
b. two brothers and three sisters
c. two brothers and two sisters

2 Listen again and circle the things Lucio likes.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. rugby | 4. folklore music |
| 2. football | 5. horror films |
| 3. Latin music | 6. action films |

3 Listen one more time and complete the chart.

	always	sometimes	never
1. watch rugby on TV	✓		
2. dance at folklore festivals			
3. watch horror films			