

Reading

Listen and read the text.



Football dreams

Football isn't a hobby in Brazil – it's an obsession. Brazilians love watching, playing and talking about it. But for millions of Brazilian boys, there's another reason why football is so important.

There are huge shanty towns in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. Life is very hard for the inhabitants. There aren't any proper houses, so families live in small shelters, often without water or electricity. Many children don't go to school, and without education, it's very difficult to escape these terrible conditions. Football is their best chance of a new life, so they play for hours every day in the streets. They become very skilful players. And they all have the same dream – to play for Brazil and become famous.

Of course, most of the boys don't succeed, but a few are lucky. One example is Ronaldo. He's from a shanty town in Rio. Does he ever think about the shanty towns now? The answer is yes. Ronaldo is helping with a new project in one of the shanty towns of Rio, Ciudad de Dios. The project is the idea of MV Bill, a Brazilian rap artist. They're building a new community centre, with a cinema, a theatre and a museum. Life is getting better for the 100,000 inhabitants of Ciudad de Dios, but for most of the boys there, football is still their dream.

Answer the questions about the text.

- a- What do Brazilians think of football? _____
- b- Where are there shanty towns? _____
- c- What are conditions like in the shanty towns? _____
- d- Do all the children there go to school? _____
- e- How long do boys in the shanty towns spend playing football? _____
- f- What is these boys dream? _____
- g- Where is Ronaldo from? _____
- h- What is the name of the new project where Ronaldo is helping?

- i- How many people live in Ciudad de Dios? _____
- j- Are they building a new community centre there? _____

Find the words (1-5) in the text. Then match them with the meanings (a-e).

1- Shanty towns (line 5)	a- Good at doing something difficult
2- Shelters (line 8)	b- People who live in a place
3- Skillful (line 13)	c- Towns with a lot of people but without proper buildings
4- Community centre (line 23)	d- Places where you are safe from bad weather
5- Inhabitants (line 25)	e- A place where people in a town can meet and do activities.

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