

# ★ ALL STARS ★

## LISTENING: VOWEL SOUNDS



Pay attention to the following audios. Can you identify sounds variations when they speak? Let's revise the vowels booklet and revise variations for the A sounds.

*"Matt can't be the captain in today's match. Last time he ran fast, but the fans think Chad is a better choice".*

*"The race started half an hour later. However, I liked it because the racer from Argentina was happy because he raced with his father picture on his car".*

## A SOUNDS!

### VOWEL SOUNDS



/æ/

FRONT a

LIKE IN: cæt / næp



/a:/

LONG a

LIKE IN: da:nce

## INTERVIEW: THE LIFE OF A REFEREE

- What do you think is the hardest part of being a football referee?
- Do referees receive enough respect from players and fans? Why / Why not?

Have a look at the following questions from 1-5 and match them to the answers from A-E

1. WHY DID HE BECAME A REFEREE?
2. WHAT WAS THE MOST EXCITING MATCH HE EVER REFEREED?
3. WHAT WAS HIS WORST EXPERIENCE?
4. DOES HE THINK PLAYERS CHEAT IN FOOTBALL NOWADAYS?
5. HOW DO THE PLAYERS CHEAT?

*My worst match was when I was 16. I remember that after that match I was attacked by some players and family member that were spectators at that match. The mother of one of the players was so angry that she hit me with her baby. Sounds funny now but I got scared that day!*

*I think they play the card of the "simulation", you know? Many football players pretended to be injured when I was referee. When I decided there wasn't any penalty, they went crazy. It is important to realize these simulations for players and also for spectators. They must watch a fair match!*

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*Football is now much faster than before. Also, there is too much money in that business, you know? It is a big industry. Now, it can be difficult for referees to report a player cheating.*

**Match the words from the interview with their meanings.**

- REFEREE**
- SPECTATORS**
- INDUSTRY**
- CHEATING**
- SIMULATION**

- a. People who watch a match
- b. Acting as if something happened when it didn't
- c. A large business activity
- d. Someone who controls the rules in a game
- e. Breaking the rules to gain an advantage

**Listen again and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F). Justify the false ones.**

- The speaker became a referee because his father was one.*
- He worked as a referee only in his home country.*
- The incident with the baby still scares him today.*
- Money changed modern football.*
- Players never pretended to be injured in the past.*

## **SPEAK:**

1. Do you agree that referees have a more difficult job today? Why?
2. Should players be punished more seriously for simulation?
3. What responsibilities do spectators have during a match?