

Cristiano Ronaldo on “The Jonathan Ross Show”

• Watch the video and fill in the blanks with the words that are missing:

Jonathan Ross: How old were you when you _____ to join Manchester United? You were just... 18?

Cristiano Ronaldo: 18, yeah!

Jonathan Ross: You'd already left home at 12 I think, to go to Lisbon. So you were _____ living away from home. But coming here and meeting British people, and having to work with Sir Alex Ferguson... that must have been quite a _____ in some ways, I imagine.

Cristiano Ronaldo: Not really. It was the key why I'm moving here to England. Because I remember I had a conversation with him when we play Sporting _____ Manchester, and we had a quick chat and he tell me: "Listen I'm _____ on you and I want that you join us in Manchester. It was the key. So it's _____ person. He treat me very good... As I say many times, he is like a father for me in the football, so I have to _____ what he did for me.... I pass 6 years in Manchester... hmm very good. I win many titles in terms of collective and individual, some... It was _____ timing for me here in England.

Jonathan Ross: Well, your English now is very good.

Cristiano Ronaldo: Well, I try my best.

Jonathan Ross: Yeah, and this isn't me just being _____. It is very good. But when you first came, I guess it wasn't as good. And _____, I have spoken it all my life, but I find it hard to _____ Alex Ferguson sometimes. That must have been difficult for you _____.

Cristiano Ronaldo: But I still don't understand him.

Cristiano Ronaldo: Because in the _____ I had a translate. A Brazilian man.

Jonathan Ross: So you had a _____!

Cristiano Ronaldo: Of course!

Jonathan Ross: For all British people or just for Alex Ferguson?

Cristiano Ronaldo: Well, basically only for him.

Jonathan Ross: What things do you remember then?...What things did he help you with?... Which things did he _____ you about? To become a better _____ or a better person...

Cristiano Ronaldo: Well, he taught me in both ways. In terms of personal stuff, I just have to say thank you for what he did for me. _____ when I remember the thing that I have more in my memories... the time when my father was sick in hospital. And it was... We are in a _____ moment of the season, because we have... we had important games in Champions League, in the league, and I say: "coach I need to go to see my daddy". And I was a key player, I was very important player and he said: "listen, your family is the most important that you have in the life, if you want to go three days, four days, five days, you can go." These moments is what I keep for me. Because it was the most important moments in my life, and he shared with me. This is why I respect him and I... for me is the best coach I've ever had.

Jonathan Ross: You know, you mentioned you said that he was like... you said this before, he was like your father in the world of football, and there you just mentioned your biological father, who died in 2005, I think.

Cristiano Ronaldo: Yeah.

Jonathan Ross: You know, I think a lot of us... I'm not that close to my father. But I have a couple of _____ from when I was young that I remember very _____, which are quite special to me.

Do you have memories when you were young, of you with him that you treasure above the other memories?

Cristiano Ronaldo: Yes, I have unbelievable memories when I started to play football... My father was so _____ of me, because you know, it was a kid man of a football club. And uh... a few goals, I scored goals and next day, I come in the paper, like a small... a small part, and he was so proud, he put it the _____ and he show his old friends in the _____... It's... it's unbelievable memories that I have... and it's great! I just have his memories in my mind... of my father, of these small moments.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VIDEO

1. How old was Cristiano Ronaldo when he moved to England to join Manchester United?
2. Why did Cristiano Ronaldo decide to move to England at a young age?
3. What challenges did Cristiano Ronaldo face with the English language when he first arrived in England? How did he try to solve them?
4. How did Sir Alex Ferguson support Cristiano Ronaldo during a difficult personal time?

5. In what ways does Cristiano Ronaldo describe his relationship with Sir Alex Ferguson?
6. Can you recall any special memories that Cristiano Ronaldo shared about his father from his childhood?