

English Lesson Worksheet: Federico Valverde (Rali)

Part 1 – Reading: Who is Federico Valverde?

Federico Santiago Valverde Dipetta was born on 22 July 1998 in Montevideo, Uruguay. He plays as a **midfielder** (and sometimes defensive midfielder or right-back) for Real Madrid and the Uruguay national team. His **nickname** is “El Halcón” (The Falcon).

He began his career with Peñarol, winning the Uruguayan Primera División in 2015. He moved to Real Madrid in 2016, joining their reserve team before **debuting** with the first team in 2017. Since then, he has won many trophies, including three La Liga **titles**, two UEFA Champions League titles, two Club World Cups, two UEFA Super Cups, and the Copa del Rey.

At age 16, Valverde even had a **trial** at Arsenal in England, but he chose to stay in Uruguay because he didn't feel comfortable abroad.

Part 2 – Vocabulary Match

Match each word to its correct meaning:

Word	Meaning
1. Midfielder	a familiar or <u>humorous</u> name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name.
2. Debut	a test of the performance, qualities, or <u>suitability</u> of someone or something
3. Nickname	a player in the central part of the field
4. Trial	a name that describes someone's position or job.
5. Titles	a person's first appearance or performance in a particular capacity or role

Part 3 – Grammar Practice: Past Simple

Fill in the blanks with the correct past tense of the verbs in parentheses (brackets):

- Valverde ____ (be) born in 1998.
- He ____ (win) the Uruguayan league with Peñarol.
- He ____ (join) Real Madrid in 2016.
- He ____ (make) his first-team debut in 2017.
- He ____ (have) a trial at Arsenal when he was 16.

Part 4 – Speaking Questions

Answer aloud in full sentences (for next class):

1. Where is Federico Valverde from?
2. What position does he play for Real Madrid?
3. What was his nickname before “El Halcón”?
4. Did he ever have a trial with another club? Which one?
5. Why did he decide not to go?

Part 5 – Writing (Optional- We can do it in class)

Write 4–5 sentences about your favorite football player. Use the Past Simple tense (e.g., 'He was born...', 'He played...', 'He joined...').