

## A personal profile

Hi! My name is Vadym and I'm twelve. My home is Ternopil in Ukraine. I'm quite a friendly person and fairly active. My friends say I'm sometimes slightly impatient and talkative but I think I'm pretty hard-working and very loyal. I get on well with funny and friendly people. I'm fond of sports. My favourite sport is football. It is my hobby. Football is what I like to do in my free time and there is no specific amount of time that I spend with my hobby. My life becomes more interesting and football helps me to be more active, stronger and teaches me to work in a team. I joined the football club three years ago and nowadays have trainings three times a week.

There is a good playing field not far from our school and whenever I have a chance I go there. For me sport is an important part of my life and I'm keen on it. When I am not on the field, I enjoy watching football matches on TV.

I adore the play of such footballers as Neymar, Marcelo, Cristiano Ronaldo. My role model is the famous Egyptian right winger Mohamed Salah. I want to be a professional football player and become as famous as Salah.

## Football is my life

I'm keen on football. I believe that football is not just a ball game, but also a game about life. It is one of the most entertaining games of the world.

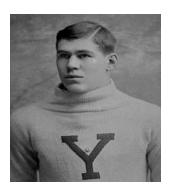


I read an article about the football club in my course book Full Blast 2 (Module 6). It was interesting to know about popular football club and I decided to do the project about my hobby. So I have collected information about my favourite kind of sport.

At first, football was a game for working people. It was fun, but there weren't many rules. Players had lots of fights. Later the game became more popular and there was a meeting to make better rules for the game. We still use a lot of those rules today.

I have also found some interesting facts about football. It is great that football is the most watched and most played sport on Earth.

- The game of football received its name not because the ball is kicked with the foot, but because it is a sport that is played on foot.
- The first football game played in 1869 when McGill University played Yale.



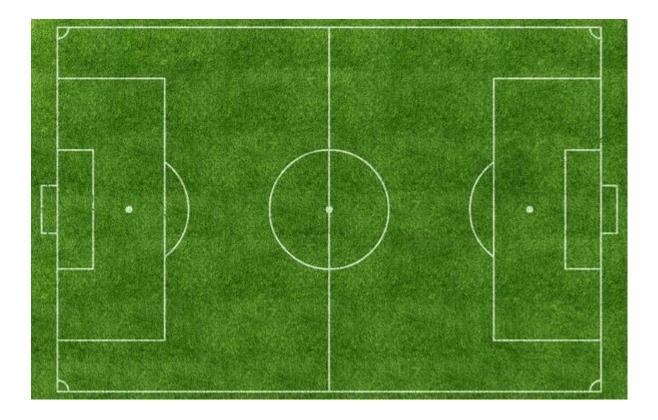
• The first professional football player was William "Pudge" Heffelfinger. He was paid \$500 to play in a game in 1892.

• The Football Hall of Fame is situated in Canton in Ohio.



## Part II

In general, the game lasts 90 minutes. There are two halves of 45 minutes each. The break between the halves is 15 minutes. The game is played on a rectangular field of grass with a goal in the middle of each of the short ends. There is a goal area, a penalty area with a penalty spot on it and a penalty arc in the centre of a playing field. There is also a centre spot in the middle of a centre circle. The object of the game is to score the ball into the opposing goal. In general play, the goalkeepers are the only players who can touch the ball with their hands or arms. The football players can only head the ball, pass it or kick it. The team that scores the most goals by the end of the match wins. If the score is tied at the end of the game, the game goes in to extra time or there is a draw.



To cut the long story short, football isn't always fun and it can be extremely hard. To be successful in football, you need to come together and be a team.

## Part III





This is my project work. It's a model of a real playing field. A football field is called a football pitch. I'd like to present you player positions on a playing field. There are 11 players in each team: goalkeepers, mid-field players, strikers, defenders, left wingers and right wingers. There are also referees and linesmen.

A team is made up of one goalkeeper and ten outfield players who fill defensive, midfield and attacking positions.



There are full-backs, known as the left back and right back; there are also centre backs or centre halfs(halves) in the penalty area. In midfield, there are central midfielders, the left midfielder and the right midfielder; and in the centre circle or nearby there are two strikers.



I'm a fan of Liverpool FC. It is one of the most successful clubs in English football. The club's anthem is "You'll Never Walk Alone". It's interesting to know that Liverpool was the first English professional club to have a sponsor's logo on its shirts. The Liverpool FC team colors are red, green and gold. In June 2017 Liverpool FC celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday (see link https://www.liverpoolfc.com). Here is Liverpool Football Club badge with IVFRPOC the liver bird as the emblem of the city and the club as well.



My favourite football player is Mohamed Salah. He is an Egyptian footballer who plays as a forward for the Egyptian national team as well as the Premier League club 'Liverpool.' Mohamed was born in Gharbia, Egypt.

He was a gifted footballer since his childhood. When he wasn't playing, he was watching football on television. Among his early idols were some Arabic players. At first, Salah played football just for fun, but he started to think about it seriously when he joined a local youth club 'El Mokawloon' in Cairo. In May 2010, at the age of 18, he joined the senior team of his club.



He started his career in the youth team of the Egyptian club 'El Mokawloon.'

In 2012, he became a player of the Swiss football club 'FC Basel'. He played an important role in Basel's victory in the 2012-13 Swiss Championship.

He performed very well against Chelsea in two matches within a few weeks, which made the club interested in him. In January 2014, he joined Chelsea and became the first Egyptian player ever played in Chelsea.

In June 2017, Salah agreed to a long term contract with Liverpool for 50 million pounds, which was a club record. He signed a new contract with 'Liverpool'. Salah was named as 'Player of the Month' for August by Liverpool fans. In the same year, he was named the African Footballer of the Year by BBC and CAF. During the 2018 'FIFA World Cup Qualifications,' he was the top scorer for his team with five goals.

Salah is my hero. He helps to learn how to lay our hearts on the line and play with everything we've got until the whistle blows.

So, have a nice summer and spend your free time doing sport! Learn English and join our Smart team!