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**Level 1 – 22nd August 2024**

## **Huge rise in price of Premier League football shirts**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-1.html>

Following football in England is expensive. The price of tickets and shirts is high. A shirt for the top teams cost over \$100. Premier League teams are cashing in on selling shirts. A newspaper said teams increased the price of shirts by 56 per cent over five years. A spokesperson for a London team explained why prices have gone up. He said it was because of a rise in manufacturing, materials and shipping costs.

A consumer expert said the jerseys were overpriced. She called the high prices, "an own goal by mega-rich football clubs". She added that loyal fans cannot buy the shirts, and that this was unfair in a cost-of-living crisis. She said this could "backfire on clubs". A Manchester United fan was fed up with his team changing its kit every year. He just spent \$400 to buy shirts for his children. He said: "Clubs are too greedy."

Sources: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/sport/29936752/shock-surge-price-replica-premier-league-shirts/>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-13754889/Cost-replica-shirts-rockets-past-five-years-one-Premier-League-club-charging-56-2019.html>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/money-blog-most-expensive-premier-league-jerseys-as-26-gap-between-teams-revealed-13040934>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Following football in England | a. over five years   |
| 2. The price of                  | b. top teams         |
| 3. A shirt for the               | c. of shirts         |
| 4. teams are cashing in          | d. costs             |
| 5. teams increased the price     | e. is expensive      |
| 6. by 56 per cent                | f. have gone up      |
| 7. explained why prices          | g. tickets           |
| 8. shipping                      | h. on selling shirts |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A consumer                    | a. own goal            |
| 2. the jerseys were              | b. greedy              |
| 3. She called the high prices an | c. fans                |
| 4. mega-                         | d. expert              |
| 5. loyal                         | e. of-living crisis    |
| 6. unfair in a cost-             | f. overpriced          |
| 7. He just spent \$400           | g. rich football clubs |
| 8. Clubs are too                 | h. to buy shirts       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(7) \_\_\_\_\_ said the jerseys were overpriced. She called the high prices, "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ by mega-rich football clubs". She added (9) \_\_\_\_\_ cannot buy the shirts, and that this was unfair in a cost-of-living crisis. She said this could "(10) \_\_\_\_\_". A Manchester United fan was fed up with his team (11) \_\_\_\_\_ every year. He just spent \$400 to buy shirts for his children. He said: "Clubs (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL SHIRTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football shirts in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-1.html>

Write about **football shirts** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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