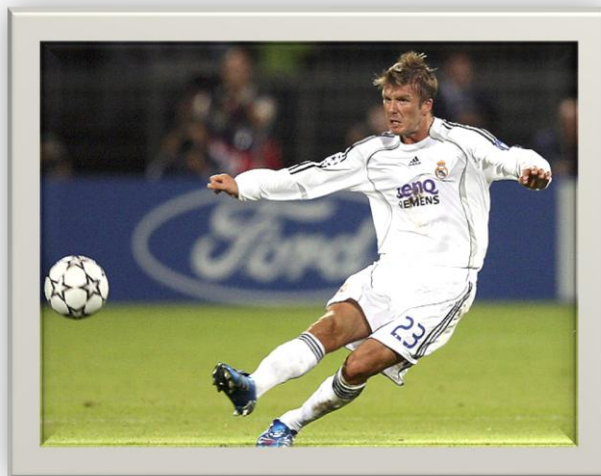


Adjustment Level:	Lower Intermediate-Advance
Target Skill to be improved:	Speaking and Reasoning
Title:	Debate is Fun (Free conversation)
Topic for Debate:	Soccer players should wear protective headgears

Introduction: This lesson gives the student more speaking opportunities in expressing his thoughts that would improve his/her speaking and reasoning skills. The student would also learn various expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.



Resolved: **That Soccer players should wear protective headgears.**



IDEA GENERATOR



Pros

- Protective headgear decreases the measured impact compression and deformity.
- Soccer players need to protect their heads from possible injury just like in rugby.
- Soccer protective headgear consistently reduces the impact to the head and will not adversely affect reported player comfort and playability.
- Since athletes participating in football, skateboarding and cycling wear protective headgear, one has to question why not soccer players.

Cons

- Obviously, people selling headgear, the opponents are going to say, well, they're just trying to make money. You know, they're not really in it for the safety of the player.
- Soccer players can move quickly without any headgears.
- Soccer players appear more powerful without the headgear.

See for example:

Person A: "In my opinion, I believe that soccer players need to protect their heads from possible injury just like in rugby."

Person B: "I strongly disagree with the proposition since I believe that soccer players can move quickly without any headgears."

Expressions for Agreeing and Disagreeing

<p>Stating an opinion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my opinion... • The way I see it... • If you want my honest opinion.... • According to Lisa... • As far as I'm concerned... • If you ask me...
<p>Asking for an opinion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's your idea? • What are your thoughts on all of this? • How do you feel about that? • Do you have anything to say about this? • What do you think? • Do you agree? • Wouldn't you say?
<p>Expressing agreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with you 100 percent. • I couldn't agree with you more. • That's so true. • That's for sure. • (slang) Tell me about it! • You're absolutely right. • Absolutely. • That's exactly how I feel. • Exactly. • I'm afraid I agree with James. • I have to side with Dad on this one. • No doubt about it. • (agree with negative statement) Me neither. • (weak) I suppose so./I guess so. • You have a point there. • I was just going to say that.
<p>Expressing disagreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't think so. • (strong) No way. • I'm afraid I disagree. • (strong) I totally disagree. • I beg to differ. • (strong) I'd say the exact opposite. • Not necessarily. • That's not always true. • That's not always the case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No, I'm not so sure about that.
Interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can I add something here?• Is it okay if I jump in for a second?• If I might add something...• Can I throw my two cents in?• Sorry to interrupt, but...• (after accidentally interrupting someone) Sorry, go ahead. OR Sorry, you were saying...• (after being interrupted) You didn't let me finish.
Settling an argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let's just move on, shall we?• Let's drop it.• I think we're going to have to agree to disagree.• (sarcastic) Whatever you say/If you say so.