

English Football

THE PREMIERSHIP

There are a lot of famous football teams in England. There are twenty teams in the Premiership. This means they are the top teams in England. In May, the team in the Premiership with the most points are the champions. They win a big prize called the Premiership Trophy.

WHO ARE THE PLAYERS?

There are players from other countries in English teams. Mario Melchiot comes from Amsterdam in Holland but he plays for Chelsea. Thierry Henry comes from Paris but he plays for Arsenal. English players like David Beckham and Michael Owen play in the Premiership. Beckham comes from London and he plays for Manchester United. Michael Owen lives in North Wales but he plays for Liverpool.

MICHAEL OWEN

Michael Owen was born on the 14th December, 1979. He lives with his family in North Wales. Michael earns a lot of money because he is a top football player. He likes to buy houses for his family. He owns three houses in the same street! He is famous because he scores lots of goals. He is a striker. He plays in a Number 10 shirt for England. He was European Footballer of the Year in 2001. He is rich and famous but he likes to live an ordinary life. He signs autographs and talks to journalists and is polite to his fans, but the important thing for Michael is to play good football.

He trains almost every day with the other players in the Liverpool team, and in his free time he likes playing golf, snooker or table tennis. He loves horse-racing too.

TALK TO MOJO

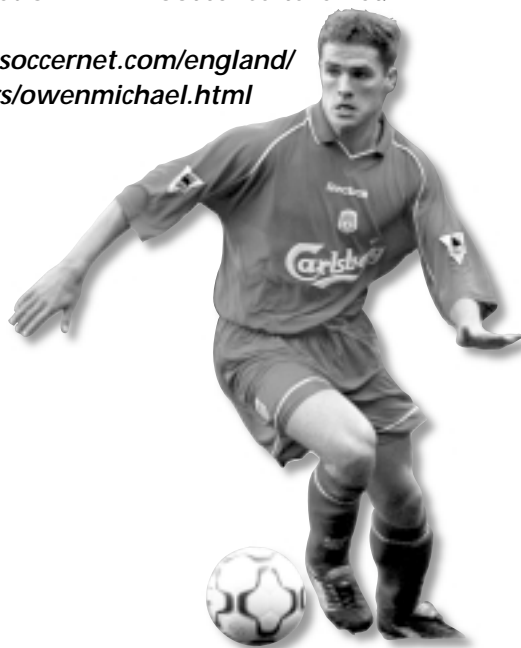
He owns a race-horse called Talk to Mojo. The name has Michael's initials (M. O.) and the first letters of all his family's names: His sisters are called Lesley and Karen. Michael's father and mother are called Terry and Janette;



Michael's brothers are called Terry and Andrew. Can you make a name for a horse from your family's names?



Find out more on English football and the career of Michael Owen on the Internet on www.footballculture.net/ and www.soccernet.com/england/players/owenmichael.html



WORD CHECK

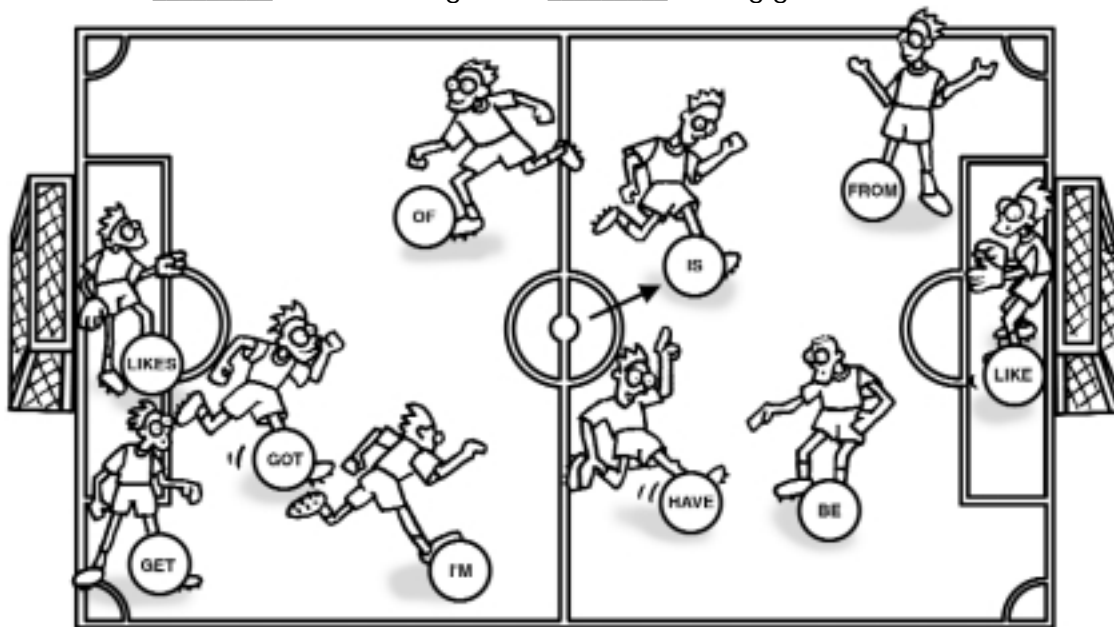
What is it in your language? Find out!

- top =
- point =
- prize =
- trophy =
- to earn =
- same =
- to score =
- goal =
- striker =
- ordinary =
- to sign =
- polite =
- snooker =
- horse-racing =
- initial =
- first =

Help Michael Owen Score a Goal!

Read about Michael Owen. Draw a line to the ball with the correct word in it.
Draw the goal that Michael scores.

My name _____ is _____ Michael Owen. _____ younger than David Beckham. I've _____ two brothers and two sisters. I'm _____ Chester in England. I _____ scoring goals.



The Fans

Look at these fans. They are watching a football match. How do they feel?
Match the feeling to the pictures.

- A** He's angry. 3
- B** She's bored.
- C** They're sad.
- D** He's hungry.
- E** He's happy.



What's going to happen next?

- 6** He's going to buy a sandwich.
- 7** She's not going to watch football again.
- 8** His team is going to win!
- 9** Their team is going to lose.
- 10** His favourite player is going to get a red card.

