

# Give racism the red card

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## Discuss these questions in pairs:

- Are you a football fan? Why (not)? Why do you think football is such a popular sport around the world?
- Have you ever been to a football match? Can you describe what it was like?
- Have you seen or heard about any examples of racism in football?

## Match the words (1–7) with the definitions (a–g):

1. abuse	a. treating a person or group of people differently, especially because of their race, gender or sexuality
2. a ban	b. official decision to not allow something
3. discrimination	c. unfair or violent treatment of others because they have a different ethnicity, skin colour or culture
4. diversity	d. the fact of being different or varied; for example, having many different types of people in a group
5. ethnicity	e. any small group in society that is different from the rest, for example because of their race, religion or beliefs
6. a minority	f. rude, offensive or cruel words or behaviour towards another person
7. racism	g. the fact of belonging to a particular group of people with a shared history, culture and traditions

## Discuss in pairs:

- If you had to move to a different country for your job/studies, what would you miss about home?
- What do you think would be difficult about moving to a new country as a professional footballer?
- What difficulties might football players from ethnic minorities face?

**Read the article and match the titles (a–e) to each paragraph (1–5).**

- a) Not just men
- b) Punishment against racism
- c) Part of the game
- d) Anti-racist campaigns
- e) Speaking up against abuse

*1. If every day you hear adults saying 'Go back to your own country', then one day the kid will say the same thing.*

**How can we encourage young people to challenge racism?**

*2. Sapphire McIntosh reported that no one in her team talked to her during her first year with the Leeds United youth team.*

**What can Leeds club and other clubs do to be more inclusive?**

*3. ... jail sentences for racial abuse online.*

**What can social media companies do to prevent racial abuse online?**

*4. The England Women's 2023 World Cup team lacked diversity.*

**How can football leagues become more inclusive for trans and gender diverse youth?**

## Create an anti-racism campaign

Work in groups and create a poster with a slogan and logo for an anti-racism campaign for one of the following:

- your school**
- a local sports club**
- a language school**
- a social media app.**

Get ready to present your poster to your classmates.