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**Level 0 – 22nd August 2024**

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

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-0.html>

Football in England is expensive. A shirt for the top teams costs over \$100. Premier League teams are making lots of money. Teams increased the price of shirts by 56 per cent since 2019. A London team explained why prices have gone up. It said it was because of an increase in materials and shipping costs.

A shopping expert said the shirts cost too much. She said the high prices were, "an own goal by mega-rich football clubs". Many fans have no money to buy the shirts. This is unfair in a cost-of-living crisis. One fan was fed up. He 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

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Football in England          | a. lots of money |
| 2. A shirt for                  | b. gone up       |
| 3. teams are making             | c. costs         |
| 4. Teams increased the price of | d. in materials  |
| 5. A London team explained      | e. is expensive  |
| 6. prices have                  | f. why           |
| 7. an increase                  | g. the top teams |
| 8. shipping                     | h. shirts by 56% |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A shopping                | a. rich football clubs |
| 2. the shirts cost           | b. greedy              |
| 3. She said the high prices  | c. of-living crisis    |
| 4. mega-                     | d. up                  |
| 5. fans have no money        | e. expert              |
| 6. This is unfair in a cost- | f. were an own goal    |
| 7. One fan was fed           | g. too much            |
| 8. clubs are too             | h. to buy the shirts   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ costs over \$100. Premier League

teams are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ money. Teams increased

the price (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 56 per cent since 2019.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ explained why prices have gone up. It

said it was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ increase in materials

(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the shirts cost too much. She said

the high prices were, "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ by mega-rich

football clubs". (9) \_\_\_\_\_ no money to buy the

shirts. This is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cost-of-living crisis. One

fan (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He spent \$400 to buy shirts for

his children. He said clubs (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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"too greedy".

# FOOTBALL SHIRTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240822-premier-league-football-shirts-0.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) \_\_\_\_\_

