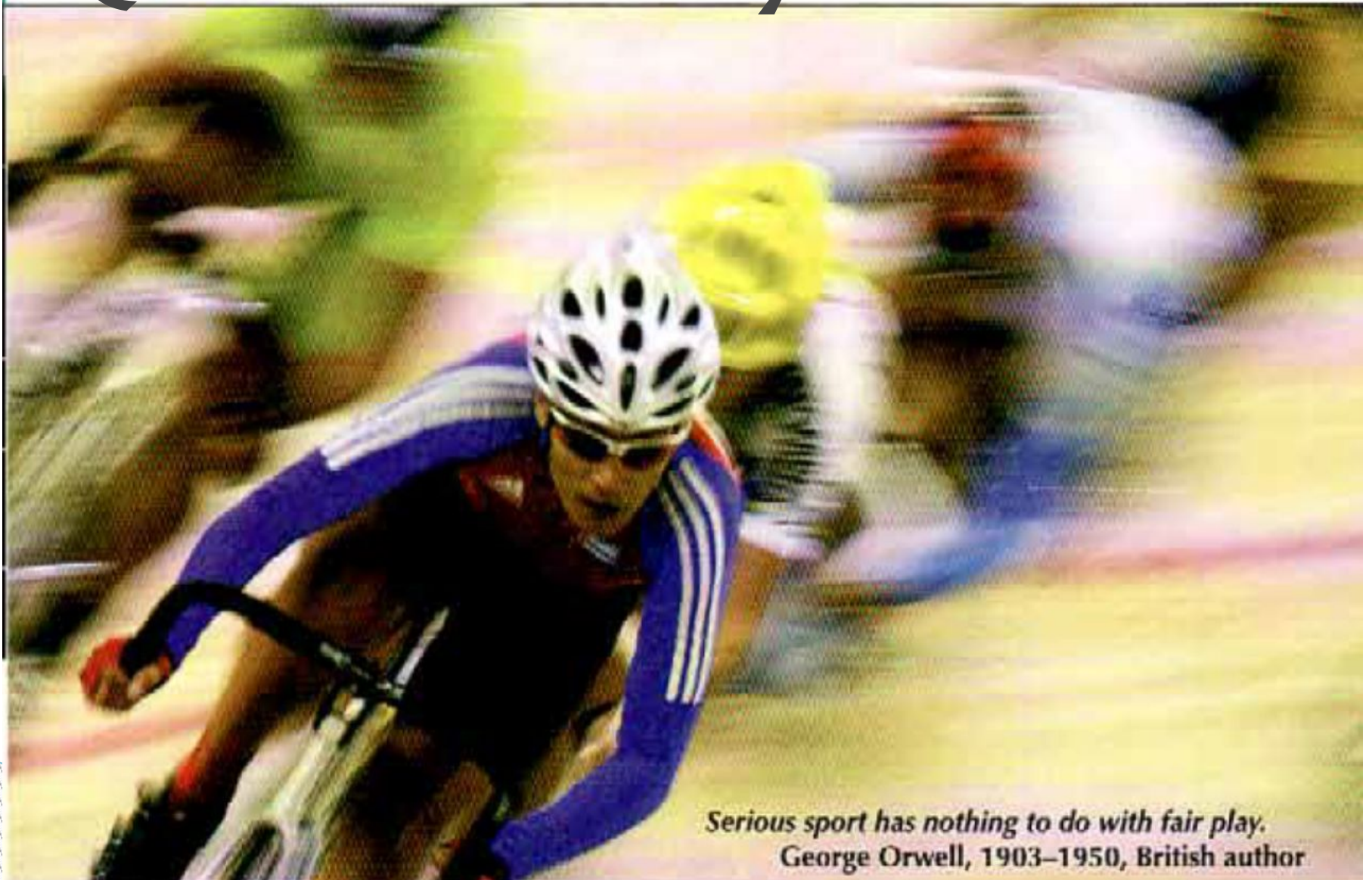


# Fair play

Group 37



# Quote of the day



*Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play.*  
George Orwell, 1903–1950, British author

# Brainstorming

**1a Sports quiz** Work in pairs. You have three minutes to think of a different sport for each of the categories below.

Name a sport where:

- 1 people often get injured
- 2 people wear special clothes
- 3 people have physical contact
- 4 you can only do it indoors
- 5 you can only do it outdoors
- 6 you usually compete as an individual
- 7 you are part of a team
- 8 you compete against the clock
- 9 animals are involved
- 10 men and women compete together

# F is for Football

**3** You are going to read an article about football. Read it quickly and match the titles to the correct paragraph. There are two extra titles.

- a) More than a player
- b) Breaking the rules
- c) Taking football further
- d) A football education
- e) A final honour
- f) The world's favourite sport
- g) The best player in the world
- h) Only for pleasure

# Charles Miller Father of the beautiful game

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Football is the most popular spectator sport in the world – possibly the only global sport – and Brazil is arguably the greatest footballing nation in the world, having won the World Cup more times than any other country. Even people who are not keen on football have heard of Pelé, often considered the world's greatest player. However, how many football fans are familiar with the name of Charles Miller and his contribution to what Pelé called 'the beautiful game'?

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Known as the father of Brazilian football, Charles William Miller was born on 24 November 1874 in São Paulo to a Scottish father and Brazilian mother. In 1884, young Charles was sent to school in England, where he learned to play both football and cricket. Miller became skilled in running with the ball, heading and taking free kicks.

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Miller was not only a great player, but also an excellent coach and administrator. In Brazil he spent a lot of time and effort teaching and coaching Brazilians. After retiring as a player, he continued to be a referee until the age of 50.

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When football became professional in Brazil in 1933, Miller was disappointed and decided to have no more contact with the game. He felt that sportspeople should be amateurs – he didn't like the introduction of money and business into sport. For Miller, football was a game, and about participation and doing your best, not money.

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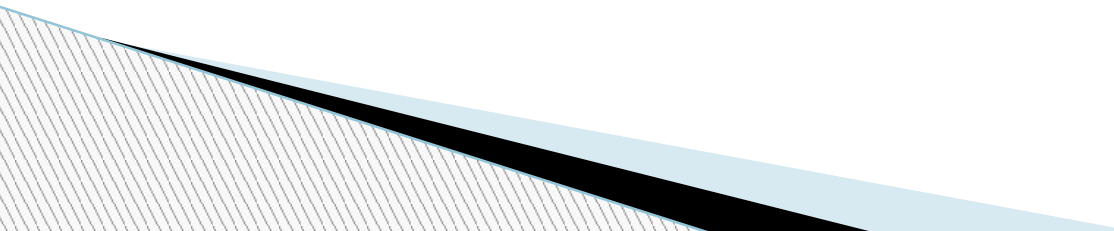
In 1894 Miller returned to Brazil with two footballs and a copy of the rules of football. The São Paulo Athletic Club (SPAC) had been formed in 1888 by a group of British men who played mainly cricket. Miller persuaded them to take up football. He was also instrumental in setting up the Liga Paulista, the first football league in Brazil. Over the first 20 years of the next century, state championships were formed throughout Brazil and in 1914 the first national side played against Argentina.

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Charles Miller's memory lives on in the skilful individual game which is Brazilian football. It is also kept alive in another way. When the São Paulo sports writers association brought out a dictionary of football terms in Portuguese, only one word survived from the vocabulary of the past: the *charles* or *chaleira*. Named after Charles Miller, it is a clever pass with the heel of the foot. The exciting ball skills of all the great Brazilian players, including Pelé, owe something to the pioneering spirit of Charles Miller and his passion for the game of football.

# Useful vocabulary

- 5** Underline all the words in the article which refer to people in sport. Which one refers to a person who:
- 1 watches sport
  - 2 loves sport
  - 3 teaches sport
  - 4 makes sure rules are followed
  - 5 plays a sport without being paid
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# Sport in Idioms

**6a** A lot of idioms are based on sport, and on football in particular. Complete the idioms with the words in the box.

ball   ball   eye   field   game  
goal   goalposts

- 1 be on the ball
- 2 move the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 take your \_\_\_\_\_ off  
the ball
- 4 a level playing \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 a whole new ball \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 score an own \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 start the \_\_\_\_\_ rolling

**6b** Now match the idioms with their meanings.

- a) a completely new/different situation
- b) able to think or react very quickly
- c) start something happening
- d) change the rules/limits, making something more difficult
- e) lose concentration
- f) do/say something which has the opposite effect to your intention
- g) a fair situation



# English-Russian Practice

- <https://quizlet.com/344040299/fair-play-flash-cards/>

# A/ The/ Zero article

- ▣ Summing up lessons 72-74.