

## Episode 4: Debating Football

1 Natalie: yeah also I think there should be soft balls  
2 because erm  
3 like it was saying over there  
4 loads of people  
5 when they're walking around they get hit by the balls  
6 Tom: yeah but when you have soft balls  
7 you can't really play with a soft ball  
8 it's- not really fun to play with  
9 ((Ms. Lightfoot walks across the room and opens the  
10 door to speak to someone in the corridor))  
11 Jessica: no but if- [if it's hard it (will hurt you)  
12 Kaylee: [yeah but Tom some people (are thinking  
13 that all balls are this hard)  
14 and people get sent to the office  
15 ((Ms. Lightfoot re-enters room and shuts door))  
16 Jessica: because [the (xxxxxx)  
17 Harriet: [(xxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
18 Natalie: [yeah true but-  
19 and to be honest  
20 (lighter) balls are quite softer to play with  
21 Kaylee: [and-  
22 Jessica [yeah but  
23 Kaylee: it should be- it should be like  
24 [hard well not too hard  
25 Jessica [if it- if it- if it's too hard  
26 ((Ms. Lightfoot sits down amongst the pupils))  
27 because Debbie was just saying  
28 she got hit on the head with a (.) hard [ball  
29 Natalie: [yeah  
30 Jessica: and she had to go to the of[fice  
31 Ms. Lightfoot: [Jessica  
32 can these people here hear what you're saying  
33 Jessica: ((shakes head))  
34 Pupil: miss  
35 Ms. Lightfoot: face everyone  
36 ((to pupil in corridor)) do it out there  
37 Kaylee: what do you think (xxxxxx)  
38 Ms. Lightfoot: Jessica  
39 was speaking  
40 Jessica can you say what you were saying again  
41 so that everyone else can hear  
42 Jessica: um well I think that erm  
43 the ball should be- should be softer  
44 because erm  
45 Debbie was saying that she got hit on the head  
46 (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx hard ball xxxxxxxxxxxx)  
47 Ms. Lightfoot: is that an argument for or against  
48 restricting where football is being played  
49 or is that a different argument do you think  
50 Jessica: ((shakes head))  
51 Ms. Lightfoot: it's a different-  
52 slightly different one isn't it  
53 yes  
54 Jessica: ((nods))  
55 Ms. Lightfoot: okay

56 Brian and Harriet can you go to Ms. Dennis now  
57 thank you  
58 *((Brian and Harriet stand up to leave))*  
59 what were you going to say Allan  
60 tell everyone your point of view  
61 Allan: well if we don't play football  
62 and it's like  
63 Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
64 and then  
65 it would be fair for the children  
66 who don't really have enough space  
67 and then football  
68 *(xxxxx one day)*  
69 and then children would be able to  
70 have [more space  
70 *[((Christopher raises hand high; Ms. Lightfoot*  
71 *motions to put it down, which he does))*  
72 Allan: and then like  
73 the next day there'd be football  
74 and then  
75 and then  
76 *((Christopher and Natalie raise hands discreetly))*  
77 Allan: the football people could play football  
78 [so that's like (different days)  
79 *[((Ms. Lightfoot says something very softly to*  
80 *Christopher, who gets up and closes the door. She*  
81 *then signals to him that it's his turn to talk?))*  
82 Christopher: on Mondays we could do  
83 football  
84 and then on Tuesdays we can do a different sport  
85 and then on Wednesday br- perhaps a different sport  
868 then on Thursday football  
7 and then  
88 Friday football or a different sport  
89 er  
90 Ms. Lightfoot: *((softly))* ask som-  
91 ask someone who's got their hand up  
92 Christopher: Tom  
93 Tom: I think there should be-  
94 I think  
95 if you want to  
96 play football  
97 you get into a team with your friends  
98 and they have a league  
99 and if it-  
100 you have two teams playing every (.) day  
101 so there's (.) not  
102 so you can use a little less space for football  
103 because there's not as many people playing  
104 in one day  
105 Natalie: *((whose hand has been up since line 76, motions))*  
106 Tom: Natalie  
107 Natalie: I think there should be like  
108 like spray painted an area  
109 of a particular area for them to play football in  
110 so that erm  
111 they don't like  
112 maybe allowed to go past that line

113 if they want to play football  
114 because some people can get hit  
115 and there's not really that much space  
116 [(4)  
117 [(*pupils looking around; unsure whose turn now?*)])  
118 Ms. Lightfoot: what does everyone else think  
119 (5)  
120 (*Mary raises hand, receives nod from teacher*)  
121 Mary: erm (.) if we could  
122 we could have a big playground  
123 that way  
124 one side of it could play football  
125 and the other would have (.) different sports  
126 Ms. Lightfoot: what day do you have equipment on  
127 Pupils: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
128 Ms. Lightfoot: so you could bring that into the discussion  
129 couldn't you  
130 (4)  
131 Natalie: plus I think Willow was saying something like  
132 erm maybe  
133 on Tuesdays and erm  
134 what was it  
135 Kaylee: Thursdays  
136 Natalie: Thursdays yeah  
137 erm that's the days that people can't play football  
138 because if there's equipment out  
139 if there's like particular equipment out  
140 there's not-  
141 there's not really much point playing (.) football  
142 because we've got loads of areas  
143 and we've got erm  
144 really good equipment as well  
145 brand new equipment  
146 Christopher (*points to Christopher*)  
147 Christopher well (1)  
148 the::  
149 the footballs we have are flat  
150 and if you kick that really hard and it-  
151 hits someone  
152 they- flat balls tend to c- like cane  
153 when it hits you  
154 so  
155 like  
156 soft and bouncy balls  
157 Ms. Lightfoot: so on the days you play football  
158 we need softer balls  
159 yeah  
160 Christopher: yeah  
161 Ms. Lightfoot: okay  
162 what do you think about what they-  
163 what Natalie was saying about (.)  
164 er not having football on the days you've got  
165 the equipment bags out there  
166 Christopher: yeah (1)  
167 (xxxxxx)  
168 Ms. Lightfoot: tell everyone that  
169 Christopher: I don't know  
170 Ms. Lightfoot: tell everyone what you think

171 say I think that  
172 Christopher: *((smiles; looks self-consciously at camera?))*  
173 Ms. Lightfoot: you don't know what you think?  
174 Christopher: *((shaking head and laughing))* no  
175 Ms. Lightfoot: *((laughing))* oh dea::r  
176 Pupils: *((laugh))*