

Episode 5: Debating football

1 Mrs Anderton: right Will your point
2 Will: er I was (.)
3 I was going to say
4 that it doesn't matter what team you're on
5 it's only a game
6 [it's not like a pro-
7 Sam: [yeah
8 Will: it's not like a proper match
9 Willow: YEAH EXACTLY
10 SO WHY DO THE BOYS FIGHT OVER WHAT TEAM THEY'RE ON
11 Will: because they're stupid
12 Willow: but yeah
13 SO WHY DO YOU
14 why do you
15 Will: I don't
16 if I- if I go on a crap team
17 Willow: (xxxxxx)
18 Will: if I go on a crap team
19 if we lose
20 big deal
21 Mrs Anderton: er Will
22 Willow: (next time)
23 Mrs Anderton: thank you
24 Willow: [(next time)
25 Mrs Anderton: [er excuse me
26 just a minute (1)
27 what on earth made you say a word like that
28 Will: sorry
29 (if you)
30 Mrs Anderton: no Will
31 w- went off the subject
32 that's got nothing to do
33 playing in teams
34 about the-
35 motion that we- we're talking about
36 right (.) Gareth
37 Gareth: well
38 when football was taken off
39 yeah (1)
40 say because (there's only like) (.)
41 volleyball
42 if there-
43 cause there's about (five) boys who play that
44 than football
45 and you can play
46 (all of them play the point)
47 yeah
48 and someone to play cricket
49 and someone to play basketball
50 (and there'll be more
51 and like xxxx xxx)
52 Willow: can I just make a point
53 you don't play football anyway
54 Will?: there's enough room
55 there's enough room for every activity

56 I don't see why you're moaning
57 Sally: no plus that
58 one day
59 (there was a couple of us doing) cheerleading
60 yeah
61 and (.) deputy said to us (.)
62 sorry ((puts hand to face and looks at Mrs. Anderton))
63 ((laughing)) she said to us
64 if-
65 you can't do it near the football pitch
66 because the boys moan
67 Sam: xxxxx
68 Sally: if you's moaning yeah
69 then we ain't got nowhere else to play
70 xxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx
71 Sam: xxxxxx
72 Willow: and when the grass is dry
73 we're allowed to play pom poms (with it)
74 the ball always gets kicked at our feet
75 and then a-
76 and then ((wipes nose))
77 sometimes it catches our feet and we get knocked over
78 Sam: you still kick the ball
79 Willow: we don't kick the ball
80 we-
81 we give it to you
82 Pupil: (well you're supposed to)
83 Pupil: we a-
84 Sam: no you don't
85 Willow: have a little-
86 Mrs Anderton: shh
87 Willow: a [little go (xxxxxxxxxx)]
88 Mrs Anderton: [right Anwar we haven't heard from you yet
89 you don't need to put your hands up remember
90 you just (.)
91 go for the gap
92 Anwar: well you should keep football
93 because well nearly everyone- one plays it-
94 eve- nearly every boy plays it
95 yeah
96 and if you don't keep it
97 some people might not come to school again
98 because they might think it's a crummy place
99 Mrs Anderton: sorry
100 they might not come to school again did you say
101 Anwar: yeah
102 because they might think it's a crummy place
103 Sally: yeah but
104 Willow: YEAH BUT IF YOU THINK THAT
105 IF YOU THINK THAT
106 IF THE GIRLS ALWAYS GET HIT BY THE BALL
107 they don't want to go to school either (.)
108 because they'll always
109 they-
110 [they'll think that the boys (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)]
111 Pupil: [(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)]
112 ((6 seconds; numerous pupils talking at once))
113 Mrs Anderton: shh (.)

114 er one at a time please
115 .
116 . ((One minute; pupils continue to discuss the problem
117 . of the ball going off the pitch))
118 .
119 Mrs Anderton: right
120 would anyone else like to make a point
121 Gareth you've got something else to say
122 Gareth: if you want more space in the playground
123 get rid of a different (activity)
124 Sam: ((laughs))
125 Sally: [yeah but
126 why should we
127 why should we
128 play a different activity
129 just so you can play football
130 ((7 seconds; numerous pupils talk at once))
131 Pupil: get rid [of xxxx
132 Willow: [GIRLS CAN'T JUST MAKE SPACE FOR BOYS
133 boys are not the biggest thing in the world
134 Sam: [right [s-
135 Pupil: [(xxxxxx[xxxx)
136 [they-
137 [the world doesn't [revolve
138 Pupil: [(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx something different)
139 Sam: [so why are you telling us to give up
140 why are you t-
141 [why are you (xxxxxxxxxx[xx)
142 Willow: [(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
143 Mrs Anderton: [er all at once shh
144 Willow: (because xxxxxxx)
145 (xx[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
146 Mrs Anderton: [no stop [Sam
147 Pupil: [(xxxxxxxxxx)
148 Will: (xx[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
149 Mrs Anderton: [Will
150 Pupil: [(xxxxxxxxxx)
151 Mrs Anderton: you're all at once you can't be heard can you
152 who's tapping please stop please
153 ((Willow raises hand))
154 right
155 a lot of points for and points against
156 is there anyone who thinks that
157 ((Willow lowers hand))
158 nothing's been raised so far that
159 they think should have been raised
160 ((Willow raises hand))
161 from either side
162 Pupil: [xxxxxx xxxxxxx
163 Pupil: [xxxx xxx
164 Mrs Anderton: [Willow
165 Willow: the world doesn't revolve around boys
166 the girls can't just make space for the boys
167 it's not [xxxxxx xxxxxxx
168 Pupil: [xxxxxx xxxxxxx
168 Pupil: [xxxxxx xxxxxxx
169 ((several pupils talking at once; Philip pantomimes
170 shooting Willow with a pistol))

171 Mrs Anderton: Erm right
172 OK listen
173 shh
174 thank you
175 Sally
176 right
177 on the for side (.)
178 we had that children'll (.)
179 fight over football
180 we had about accidents
181 that the ball going over the fence
182 hitting infants
183 and sometimes hitting the children in the playground
184 we had the cost of equipment
185 e::r and that it costs a lot
186 and we're always losing footballs
187 so we kept needing to reple- replenish new (.)
188 equipment
189 on the against side in the argument we had about
190 fitness
191 er we had about the keeping children occupied
192 and we had that the children who played football
193 become better football players
194 so for the team and things that'd be good
195 .
196 . ((1 minute 12 seconds - Mrs Anderton continues to
197 . summarise argument))
198 .
199 Mrs Anderton: when people (.)
200 looked about this yesterday
201 there was
202 more people who wanted t- to continue (.) playing
203 football
204 shall we do the vote now
205 put your hand up if you think football should be banned
206 ((show of hands))
207 one two three four five
208 Pupil: three four [five six seven
209 Mrs Anderton: [six::
210 Pupil: [(miss and me)
211 Pupil: [seven seven
212 Mrs Anderton: seven
213 sh-
214 put your hand up if you think it should not be banned
215 ((show of hands))
216 one two three four five six seven eight nine ten
217 eleven
218 Pupils: ((cheers))
219 Mrs Anderton: so
220 though it was a very good argument o:n (.)
221 the girls-
222 or the side for the motion
223 the motion has now been
224 thro:wn out
225 OK
226 thank you very much

Transcription notations include:

- (text) - Transcription uncertainty
- (xxxxxxx) - Indistinguishable speech
- (.) - Brief pause (under one second)
- (1) - Longer pause (number indicates length to nearest whole second)
- (()) - Description of prosody or non-verbal activity
- [- Overlapping talk or action
- [
text - Emphasised relative to surrounding talk (underlined words)
- te:xt - Stretched sounds
- sh- - Word cut off
- >text< - Speech delivered more rapidly than surrounding speech.
- TEXT - Shouting