

CRISTIANO RONALDO

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro was born in 1985. He is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world. The legendary Dutch genius Johan Cruyff said he's one of the best ever. Ronaldo became a soccer superstar playing for English team Manchester United, Spain's Real Madrid and for Portugal. He plays in midfield, from where he regularly scores spectacular goals.

Ronaldo started kicking a ball around when he was three. His skill was obvious then and by ten years old, two of Portugal's top clubs wanted to sign him. He joined Sporting Lisbon and became the only player in their history to play for the Under-16, Under-17, Under-18, B team and first-team within one season. His skills soon attracted Europe's big teams.

Manchester United decided Ronaldo was the perfect replacement for David Beckham and signed him in 2003. He set the English Premier League alight in his time there with his silky skills, and helped the team win nine trophies, including the UEFA Champions League. He also picked up the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 2008.

In 2009, Ronaldo joined his boyhood heroes Real Madrid and became the most expensive footballer in history. His transfer fee was over \$131 million. He broke Real's scoring record in his second season, with 53 goals in all competitions. He bettered that in 2011-12, netting 60 times to help Real win Spain's La Liga. In 2012, Diego Maradona said Ronaldo was "the best player on the planet."

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1. regarded | a. frequently |
| 2. legendary | b. caught the attention of |
| 3. regularly | c. famous |
| 4. obvious | d. inside |
| 5. within | e. considered |
| 6. attracted | f. clear |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 7. perfect | g. cost |
| 8. silky | h. signed up with |
| 9. picked up | i. improved on |
| 10. joined | j. ideal |
| 11. fee | k. won |
| 12. bettered | l. smooth |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. widely regarded as one | a. for David Beckham |
| 2. The legendary Dutch | b. Europe's big teams |
| 3. His skill was | c. heroes |
| 4. top clubs wanted to | d. of the best players |
| 5. His skills soon attracted | e. that in 2011-12 |
| 6. the perfect replacement | f. sign him |
| 7. set the English Premier League | g. skills |
| 8. silky | h. genius Johan Cruyff |
| 9. joined his boyhood | i. obvious then |
| 10. He bettered | j. alight |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro was born in 1985. He _____ one of the best players in the world. The _____ Johan Cruyff said he's one of the best ever. Ronaldo became a soccer superstar playing for English team Manchester United, Spain's Real Madrid and for Portugal. He plays in midfield, from _____ scores spectacular goals.

Ronaldo started _____ when he was three. His skill was obvious then and by ten years old, two of Portugal's top clubs _____. He joined Sporting Lisbon and became the only player in their history to play for the Under-16, Under-17, Under-18, B team and first-team within one season. His _____ Europe's big teams.

Manchester United decided Ronaldo was the _____ David Beckham and signed him in 2003. He set the English Premier League alight in his time there _____, and helped the team win nine trophies, including the UEFA Champions League. _____ the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 2008.

In 2009, Ronaldo joined _____ Real Madrid and became the most expensive footballer in history. His _____ over \$131 million. He broke Real's scoring record in his second season, with 53 goals in all competitions. _____ in 2011-12, netting 60 times, helping Real win Spain's La Liga. In 2012, Diego Maradona said Ronaldo was "the best player on the planet."

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro was born in 1985. He is *narrowly / widely* regarded as one of the best *player / players* in the world. The legendary Dutch genius Johan Cruyff said he's one of the best *even / ever*. Ronaldo became a soccer superstar playing for English team Manchester United, Spain's Real Madrid and for Portugal. He plays in midfield, from *while / where* he regularly scores spectacular goals.

Ronaldo started kicking a ball around when he was three. His skill was *obvious / obviously* then and by ten years old, two of Portugal's top clubs wanted to *signal / sign* him. He joined Sporting Lisbon and became the only player in their history to play for the Under-16, Under-17, Under-18, B team and first-team *with / within* one season. His skills soon *attractive / attracted* Europe's big teams.

Manchester United decided Ronaldo was the *perfect / perfected* replacement for David Beckham and signed him in 2003. He set the English Premier League *lit up / alight* in his time there with his silky skills, and helped the team win nine trophies, *including / included* the UEFA Champions League. He also picked *over / up* the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 2008

In 2009, Ronaldo *joint / joined* his boyhood heroes Real Madrid and became the most expensive footballer in history. His transfer *fee / free* was over \$131 million. He *break / broke* Real's scoring record in his second season, with 53 goals in all competitions. He bettered that in 2011-12, *netting / netted* 60 times, helping Real win Spain's La Liga. In 2012, Diego Maradona said Ronaldo was "the best player on the planet."

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. widely redagerd as one of the best
2. The legendary Dutch uisnge
3. He became a soccer tpsuearrs
4. he eagrulrly scores spectacular goals

Paragraph 2

5. Ronaldo started kicking a ball onudra when he was three
6. His skill was svoouib then
7. He ndojie Sporting Lisbon
8. His skills soon dteaattcr Europe's big teams

Paragraph 3

9. the reectpf replacement
10. silky ikllss
11. win nine hroitesp
12. Player of the Year wadar

Paragraph 4

13. his oyohbod heroes
14. rfastern fee
15. in his second ensaso
16. the best player on the lpetna

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () regarded as one of the best players in the world. The legendary Dutch genius Johan Cruyff said he's one
- () picked up the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 2008
- () in his second season, with 53 goals in all competitions. He bettered that in 2011-12, netting 60 times, helping Real
- () by ten years old, two of Portugal's top clubs wanted to sign him. He joined Sporting Lisbon and became the only
- () footballer in history. His transfer fee was over \$131 million. He broke Real's scoring record
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- () win Spain's La Liga. In 2012, Diego Maradona said Ronaldo was "the best player on the planet."
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- () In 2009, Ronaldo joined his boyhood heroes Real Madrid and became the most expensive
- () Manchester United decided Ronaldo was the perfect replacement for David Beckham and signed
- () Ronaldo started kicking a ball around when he was three. His skill was obvious then and
- () of the best ever. Ronaldo became a soccer superstar playing for English team Manchester United, Spain's Real Madrid
- () the team win nine trophies, including the UEFA Champions League. He also

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. of widely the regarded best as He one is

2. spectacular regularly goals scores he

3. he Ronaldo a when three kicking around was started ball

4. skill then was His obvious

5. soon Europe's teams skills attracted big His

6. set He alight League Premier English the.

7. the of Player World FIFA the up picked also He award Year

8. his Madrid boyhood Ronaldo heroes joined Real

9. scoring season record He in broke his Real's second

10. bettered He times 60 netting , 2011-12 in that.

CRISTIANO RONALDO DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Cristiano Ronaldo?
2. Would you like to meet Cristiano Ronaldo?
3. What would you like to know about Cristiano Ronaldo and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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CRISTIANO RONALDO DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Cristiano Ronaldo?
2. What questions would you like to ask Cristiano Ronaldo?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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CRISTIANO RONALDO SURVEY:

Write five questions about Cristiano Ronaldo in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Cristiano Ronaldo. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CRISTIANO RONALDO POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Cristiano Ronaldo. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Cristiano Ronaldo. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Cristiano Ronaldo. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Cristiano Ronaldo expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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| 6. the perfect replacement | f. for David Beckham |
| 7. set the English Premier League | g. alight |
| 8. silky | h. skills |
| 9. joined his boyhood | i. heroes |
| 10. He bettered | j. that in 2010-12 |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.