

## Short Conversations

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### Football

<b>A</b>	Hey David! I haven't seen you in a while. So what have you been up to lately?	1
<b>B</b>	Not a lot really. I didn't get the summer job I wanted so I've had quite a bit of free time on my hands.	2
<b>A</b>	Really ... I'm sorry to hear that. Still, I guess that means you don't have to worry about what excuses to give your boss so you can leave work to watch the games.	3
<b>B</b>	Yeah, I guess so ... How about you? I can imagine you've had to think of some quite creative excuses to tell your boss.	4
<b>A</b>	Hey. You know me! I'm just a born salesman!	5
<b>B</b>	'Master of persuasion' we used to call you. It was always a treat listening to you tell the teachers why you were late for class or why you'd missed class.	6
<b>A</b>	Why, thank you David! So, which match do you think has been the best so far?	7
<b>B</b>	It's hard to say, but I reckon the game between South Korea and Spain was the most exciting.	8
<b>A</b>	Yeah, that was an amazing match. Mind you, I thought the officials were biased towards South Korea. They should never have won that match really.	9
<b>B</b>	What do you mean? They won it fair and square. The way they played was fantastic – they just never gave up. And the way they took the penalties was so cool. The goals were brilliant. I'm telling you, South Korea rock.	10
<b>A</b>	Sure, but the game should never have gone to penalties in the first place. Morientes actually scored from a perfectly good cross and it would have been a golden goal if the referee had allowed it. I can't believe it was disallowed. The linesman must have been blind!	11

<b>B</b>	Yeah, I guess you're right on that one. There's been so much controversy over some of the calls in the matches that I guess that they'll probably have to start using TV replays in the future.	12
<b>A</b>	What, like they do in American football?	13
<b>B</b>	Yeah. Anyway, don't you think it was so cool that an Asian side did so well?	14
<b>A</b>	I suppose so.	15
<b>B</b>	I mean, they were only ranked fortieth in the world. They'd never won a single World Cup match before and yet they beat teams like Spain, Portugal and Italy – some of the best teams in the world! It makes me so proud to be Asian.	16
<b>A</b>	Yeah, I know, but don't you think that's a bit strange? I mean there was such pressure on the referees and linesmen to make sure South Korea got through just because South Korea was hosting the finals. Look at the Italy game, they had a goal disallowed which was <u>never</u> an offside, and Totti was sent off when he was fouled but they said he dived!	17
<b>B</b>	Oh come on. You've got to be kidding! The the Italians were just defending the whole time. They deserved to be beaten and the Koreans just kept coming after them – it was brilliant!	18
<b>A</b>	Hmm	19
<b>B</b>	And the Italians are such babies. You just can't take them seriously. I mean, imagine sacking Ahn from the Italian club just because he scored a goal against Italy. It's ridiculous. What did they expect him to do – miss a goal on purpose!? I reckon they just couldn't stand being beaten by an Asian team. Well this time those European teams have had to wake up because Asian football has arrived and we've really kicked butt!	20
<b>A</b>	Kicked butt!??	
<b>B</b>	Yeah.	
<b>A</b>	The Italians are the best team in the world! I'll kick your butt, you idiot!	21
<b>B</b>	Haha – you couldn't kick a thing! Don't worry though, maybe Italy will sign you up – you'd be better than most of their team!	22
<b>A</b>	Hey! Come back here you!!!	23