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Irish woman on soccer Goal of the Year list

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

An Irish woman could win the prize for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche, 26, who plays international football for Ireland. She is on a new list of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year award. The other two goal scorers are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list originally had ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche heard the news that she was on the shortlist, she told reporters: "It's been a crazy day." Roche scored her goal for her former team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with over 2.5 million views.

Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her and urged people to keep voting. She said she was proud to be the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great achievement and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how she heard the news she had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the club house. French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has already changed her career and her life. She now plays professionally in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

Sources: <http://www.independent.ie/sport/soccer/international-soccer/yesssss-come-on-stephanie-roche-celebrates-making-fifas-goal-of-the-year-shortlist-30788586.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. FOOTBALL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about football. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

prize / competition / list / originally / a crazy day / former team / Internet sensation / voting / proud / achievement / delighted / results / brilliant / career / professionally

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ...OF THE YEAR: Who / What should win these awards and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Award	Who? / What?	Why?
Person of the Year		
Word of the Year		
Product of the Year		
App of the Year		
Event of the Year		
Kind Act of the Year		

4. SOCCER: Students A **strongly** believe 'soccer' is the best word; Students B **strongly** believe 'football' is the best word. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. AWARDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nobel Prize
- Academy Award
- MTV Music Award
- FIFA Goal of the Year
- Best Business Award
- Miss World
- Chef of the Year
- Environment Award

6. LIST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "list". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The woman who could win the award is just 19 years old. | T / F |
| b. There are two other people who could also win the award. | T / F |
| c. One of the players who could win is from Colombia. | T / F |
| d. More than two-and-a-half million people have watched Roche's goal. | T / F |
| e. Ms Roche said it was OK for people to stop voting for her now. | T / F |
| f. Ms Roche is the second woman to be on FIFA's Goal of the Year list. | T / F |
| g. French TV watched Ms Roche looking at the results in her house. | T / F |
| h. Ms Roche now plays football in the Women's Soccer League in the USA. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. prize | a. encouraged |
| 2. just | b. mad |
| 3. originally | c. ex- |
| 4. crazy | d. clearly |
| 5. former | e. at first |
| 6. urged | f. excellent |
| 7. proud | g. award |
| 8. obviously | h. team |
| 9. brilliant | i. pleased |
| 10. club | j. only |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. soccer's world goal | a. for voting for her |
| 2. She is on a new list of | b. team |
| 3. The list originally | c. called out |
| 4. Roche scored her goal for her former | d. over 2.5 million views |
| 5. It is now an Internet sensation, with | e. achievement |
| 6. Roche thanked everyone | f. just three people |
| 7. that is a great | g. changed her career |
| 8. French TV came down to watch me | h. of the year competition |
| 9. I was the first name | i. watching the results |
| 10. Roche's goal has already | j. had ten players |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

An Irish woman could win the (1) _____ for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche, 26, who plays international football for Ireland. She is on a new (2) _____ of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year award. The other two goal (3) _____ are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list (4) _____ had ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche heard the (5) _____ that she was on the shortlist, she told reporters: "It's been a (6) _____ day." Roche scored her goal for her (7) _____ team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with over 2.5 million (8) _____.

former
news
scorers
crazy
prize
views
list
originally

Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her and (9) _____ people to keep voting. She said she was (10) _____ to be the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great (11) _____ and something I'm (12) _____ to say I have done." She explained how she heard the news she had made the (13) _____ three. She said: "I went down to the club house. French TV came down to watch me watching the (14) _____, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is (15) _____." Roche's goal has already changed her (16) _____ and her life. She now plays professionally in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

results
achievement
brilliant
delighted
urged
career
proud
top

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An Irish woman could win the prize for soccer's world goal of _____.
 - a. the yearly competition
 - b. the year competition
 - c. the years competition
 - d. the year's competition
- 2) She is on a new list of _____.
 - a. just three people
 - b. dust three people
 - c. adjust three people
 - d. gest three people
- 3) she told reporters: "It's been _____."
 - a. a crazily day
 - b. a crazed day
 - c. a crazies day
 - d. a crazy day
- 4) Roche scored her goal for _____.
 - a. her farmer team
 - b. her firmer team
 - c. her former team
 - d. her framer team
- 5) It is now an Internet sensation, with over _____.
 - a. 2.2 million views
 - b. 2.3 million views
 - c. 2.4 million views
 - d. 2.5 million views
- 6) Ms Roche thanked everyone _____.
 - a. of voting for her
 - b. from voting for her
 - c. far voting for her
 - d. for voting for her
- 7) She said she was proud to be the first woman _____.
 - a. on FIFA's shorter list
 - b. on FIFA's shortened list
 - c. on FIFA's shortlist
 - d. on FIFA's shortlists
- 8) something I'm delighted to _____.
 - a. say I have done
 - b. talk I have done
 - c. speak I have done
 - d. ask I have done
- 9) French TV came down to watch me _____.
 - a. watch the results
 - b. watching the results
 - c. watches the results
 - d. watched the results
- 10) Roche's goal has already changed her _____.
 - a. career and her live
 - b. career and her lively
 - c. career and her life
 - d. career and her alive

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An Irish woman (1) _____ for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche, 26, who plays international football for Ireland. She (2) _____ of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year award. The (3) _____ are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list (4) _____ players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche heard the news that she (5) _____, she told reporters: "It's been a crazy day." Roche scored her goal for her former team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with (6) _____.

Ms Roche thanked everyone (7) _____ and urged people to keep voting. She said she was (8) _____ first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great achievement and something I'm (9) _____ I have done." She explained how (10) _____ had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the club house. French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out. I was just so (11) _____. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has already changed her career and her life. She now (12) _____ in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

1. How old is Stephanie Roche?

2. How many people are on the shortlist to win the award?

3. Where do the male players on the list come from?

4. What kind of day did Stephanie Roche say she had?

5. On which date did Stephanie Roche score her goal?

6. What did Ms Roche urge people to do?

7. What was Stephanie Roche proud of?

8. Who watched Stephanie watching the results?

9. How did Stephanie feel when her name was called out?

10. In which country does Stephanie now play?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

1. How old is Stephanie Roche?
 - a) 26
 - b) 25
 - c) 24
 - d) 23
2. How many people are on the shortlist to win the award?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
 - d) 2
3. Where do the male players on the list come from?
 - a) Australia and South Korea
 - b) France and Tunisia
 - c) Brazil and Germany
 - d) Colombia and Holland
4. What kind of day did Stephanie Roche say she had?
 - a) humdrum
 - b) crazy
 - c) normal
 - d) boring
5. On which date did Stephanie Roche score her goal?
 - a) Oct 20, 2013
 - b) Nov 20, 2013
 - c) Aug 20, 2013
 - d) Dec 20, 2013
6. What did Ms Roche urge people to do?
 - a) never give up
 - b) watch YouTube
 - c) score goals
 - d) keep voting
7. What was Stephanie Roche proud of?
 - a) her team
 - b) playing for a professional team
 - c) being the first woman on the list
 - d) her goal
8. Who watched Stephanie watching the results?
 - a) the world
 - b) French TV
 - c) her parents
 - d) the head of FIFA
9. How did Stephanie feel when her name was called out?
 - a) normal
 - b) nervous
 - c) happy
 - d) excited
10. In which country does Stephanie now play?
 - a) USA
 - b) France
 - c) Ireland
 - d) China

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Nobel Prize

You think a Nobel Prize is the best award to win. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Chef of the Year, an Academy Award (Oscar) or a Best Business Award.

Role B – Chef of the Year

You think Chef of the Year is the best award to win. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Nobel Prize, an Academy Award (Oscar) or a Best Business Award.

Role C – Academy Award (Oscar)

You think an Academy Award (Oscar) is the best award to win. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Chef of the Year, Nobel Prize or a Best Business Award.

Role D – Best Business Award

You think a Best Business Award is the best award to win. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Chef of the Year, an Academy Award (Oscar) or Nobel Prize.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'goal' and 'year'.

goal	year
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• prize• just• other• ten• after• 2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• thanked• great• house• TV• called• club
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FOOTBALL SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'goal'?
- 3) What do you think about what you read?
- 4) Who do you want to win the award?
- 5) How important is it for women's football for Roche to win?
- 6) What's the best goal you've ever scored or seen?
- 7) Which word is better, football or soccer?
- 8) Why is football (soccer) the most popular sport in the world?
- 9) When was the last time you had a crazy day?
- 10) What do you think of Roche's goal?

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FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think about women's soccer?
- 13) Why are there almost no women coaching men's teams?
- 14) What was the last thing you did that you were proud of?
- 15) Which is more exciting and why, women's or men's football?
- 16) How might winning the award change Roche's life?
- 17) When do you think a woman will play in a top men's team?
- 18) What do you need to be really good at football?
- 19) What has been the biggest life-changing event in your life?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Stephanie Roche?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her and (7) _____ people to keep voting. She said she was (8) _____ to be the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great achievement and something I'm delighted to (9) _____ I have done." She explained how she heard the news she had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the club house. French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live (10) _____ YouTube. I was the first name called (11) _____. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has already changed her career and her life. She now plays (12) _____ in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. | (a) competitive | (b) competing | (c) competition | (d) competes |
| 2. | (a) just | (b) half | (c) all | (d) total |
| 3. | (a) other | (b) others | (c) another | (d) other-worldly |
| 4. | (a) originally | (b) original | (c) origins | (d) originated |
| 5. | (a) crazies | (b) crazed | (c) crazily | (d) crazy |
| 6. | (a) watches | (b) looks | (c) seeks | (d) views |
| 7. | (a) urged | (b) purged | (c) surged | (d) merged |
| 8. | (a) prodded | (b) proudly | (c) pride | (d) proud |
| 9. | (a) say | (b) talk | (c) tell | (d) speak |
| 10. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) to | (d) by |
| 11. | (a) off | (b) out | (c) on | (d) in |
| 12. | (a) professionally | (b) profession | (c) professions | (d) professional |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. soccer's world goal of the year eipittnomco
2. FIFA Goal of the Year wdraa
3. The list airlynlogi had ten players
4. news that she was on the lohsttris
5. an Internet ssnaoeitn
6. over 2.5 million wsevi

Paragraph 2

7. Roche thanked everyone for otivgn for her
8. she was ouprd to be the first women
9. that is a great acetemvenih
10. watching the tlrseus
11. To be in the top three is railitnb
12. changed her aecerr and her life

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () achievement and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how
- () award. The other two goal scorers are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list
- () day." Roche scored her goal for her former team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is
- () called out. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal _{has} already changed
- () house. French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name
- (**1**) An Irish woman could win the prize for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche,
- () her career and her life. She now plays professionally in France for the club ASPTT Albi.
- () she heard the news she had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the club
- () 26, who plays international football for Ireland. She is on a new list of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year
- () originally had ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche heard
- () to be the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great
- () now an Internet sensation, with over 2.5 million views.
- () Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her and urged people to keep voting. She said she was proud
- () the news that she was on the shortlist, she told reporters: "It's been a crazy

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. of the year Win the prize for soccer's world goal .

2. people She is on a new list of just three.

3. list had players The originally ten.

4. her scored former her team goal for Roche.

5. views An Internet sensation with over 2.5 million.

6. for everyone thanked Roche her for voting.

7. first FIFA's Proud the on be woman shortlist to.

8. news the heard she how explained She.

9. me Came watching down the to results watch.

10. already has goal Roche's career her changed.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

An Irish woman could win the *praise / prize* for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche, 26, who *plays / pays* international football for Ireland. She is on a new *list / listed* of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year *award / awarded*. The other two goal *scores / scorers* are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list *originated / originally* had ten players, *including / includes* Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche *hears / heard* the news that she was on the shortlist, she told reporters: "It's been a *crazily / crazy* day." Roche scored her goal for her former team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet *sensation / sensational*, with over 2.5 million views.

Ms Roche thanked everyone for *voting / voted* for her and *urged / urgent* people to keep voting. She said she was proud to *been / be* the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the *first / fast* woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great *achievement / achiever* and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how she *heard / hearing* the news she had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the club *home / house*. French TV came down to watch me *watching / looking* the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called *in / out*. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has already changed her career and her *life / live*. She now plays professionally in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_n _r_sh w_m_n c__ld w_n th_ pr_z_ f_r s_cc_r's w_rld
g__l _f th_ y__r c_m_p_t_t__n. Th_ w_m_n _s
St_ph_n__ R_ch_, 26, wh_ pl_ys _nt_rn_t__n l_f__tb_ll
f_r _r_l_nd. Sh_ _s _n _n_w l_st _f j_st thr__ p__pl_
f_r th_ F_F_ G__l _f th_ Y__r _w_rd. Th_ _th_r tw_
g__l sc_r_rs _r_ H_ll_nd's R_b_n v_n P_rs__ _nd
C_l_mb__'s J_m_s R_dr_q__z. Th_ l_st _r_g_n_lly h_d
t_n pl_y_rs, _ncl_d_ng Zl_t_n _br_h_m_v_c _nd D__g_
C_st_. _ft_r Ms R_ch_ h__rd th_ n_ws th_t sh_ w_s _n
th_ sh_rtl_st, sh_ t_ld r_p_r_t_rs: "_t's b__n _ cr_zy
d_y." R_ch_ sc_r_d h_r g__l f_r h_r f_rm_r t__m
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_nt_rn_t_s ns_t__n, w_th _v_r 2.5 m_ll__n v__ws.

Ms R_ch_ th_nk_d _v_ry_n_ f_r v_t_ng f_r h_r _nd
_rg_d p__pl_ t_k__p v_t_ng. Sh_ s__d sh_ w_s pr_d
t_b_ th_ f_rst w_m_n _n F_F_'s sh_rtl_st, s_y_ng:
"'m th_ f_rst w_m_n t_d__t. _bv__sly, th_t _s _
gr__t _ch__v_m_nt _nd s_m_th_ng _'m d_l_gh_t_d t_
s_y _h_v_d_n_." Sh_ _xpl__n_d h_w sh_ h__rd th_
n_ws sh_ h_d m_d_ th_ t_p thr__. Sh_ s__d: "_ w_nt
d_wn t_ th_ cl_b h__s_. Fr_nch TV c_m_d_wn t_ w_tch
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1412/141203-womens-soccer.html>

an irish woman could win the prize for soccer's world goal of the year competition the woman is stephanie roche 26 who plays international football for ireland she is on a new list of just three people for the fifa goal of the year award the other two goal scorers are holland's robin van persie and colombia's james rodriguez the list originally had ten players including zlatan ibrahimovic and diego costa after ms roche heard the news that she was on the shortlist she told reporters "it's been a crazy day" roche scored her goal for her former team peamount united on october 20 2013 it is now an internet sensation with over 25 million views

ms roche thanked everyone for voting for her and urged people to keep voting she said she was proud to be the first woman on fifa's shortlist saying "i'm the first woman to do it obviously that is a great achievement and something i'm delighted to say i have done" she explained how she heard the news she had made the top three she said "i went down to the club house french tv came down to watch me watching the results as it was live on youtube i was the first name called out i was just so happy to be in there to be in the top three is brilliant" roche's goal has already changed her career and her life she now plays professionally in france for the club asptt albi

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An Irish woman could win the prize for soccer's world goal of the year competition. The woman is Stephanie Roche, 26, who plays international football for Ireland. She is on a new list of just three people for the FIFA Goal of the Year award. The other two goalscorers are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list originally had ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Diego Costa. After Ms Roche heard the news that she was on the shortlist, she told reporters: "It's been a crazy day." Roche scored her goal for her former team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with over 2.5 million views. Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her and urged people to keep voting. She said she was proud to be the first woman on FIFA's shortlist, saying: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great achievement and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how she heard the news she had made the top three. She said: "I went down to the clubhouse. French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out. I was just so happy to be in there. To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has already changed her career and her life. She now plays professionally in France for the club ASPTT Albi.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **football** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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 out more about women's football. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FIFA: Make a poster about FIFA. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. STEPHANIE ROCHE: Write a magazine article about Stephanie Roche. Include an imaginary interview with her. Include questions about FIFA and the Goal of the Year award.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on football. Ask him/her three questions about football. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. prize | a. award |
| 2. just | b. only |
| 3. originally | c. at first |
| 4. crazy | d. mad |
| 5. former | e. ex- |
| 6. urged | f. encouraged |
| 7. proud | g. pleased |
| 8. obviously | h. clearly |
| 9. brilliant | i. excellent |
| 10. club | j. team |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 26
2. Two
3. Holland and Colombia
4. Crazy
5. October 20, 2013
6. Keep voting for her
7. Being the first woman on the list
8. French TV
9. Happy
10. France

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)