

Speaking Lesson

Lesson 32: Who's playing?

レッスン 32: 誰が戦っているの?

Target: Starting & continuing a conversation about sports
 目的: スポーツについて、会話を始めて、会話し続けましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a program	プログラム
• preview	試写する
• an instructor	講師
• a teammate	チームの一員
• Charreada	スペインのロデオ
• beat...	打ち負かす
• similar to...	〜と似ている
• follow (a sport)	関心を持つ
• in high school	高校生の時に

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Good evening, welcome back to "Look at the Season." I'm your host Raymond Stanger. In the first part of our program tonight we previewed each of the teams for this season. In the second part, we will have an interview with star Lexworth United midfielder Mario Rubez. Mario retired at the end of last season, so we asked him, "What are you going to do next?"

Mario: Hmm, that's a good question. First, I'm going to take a long holiday. Playing soccer is a very tough job, so I am very tired. I want to visit my family in my home country and relax on the beach. I come from Mexico, there are many nice beaches in Mexico. I like lying on the sand, drinking cocktails and watching the sunset.

Ray: I see. What are you going to do after your holiday?

Mario: I don't know. I might try to become a coach or an instructor, or I may try to become a manager. I'm definitely going to play a lot of golf though.

Ray: Golf!? When did you start playing golf?

Mario: I started playing golf about 8 years ago. It's a good way to relax. I like golf, but I'm not a good player. My teammate, Peter Schnell, plays golf much better than I do.

Ray: What other sports do you play or follow?

Mario: Well, I don't play any other sports, football and golf are enough for me, but I follow tennis and charreada. I played tennis in high school, but I wasn't a good player. My sister plays much better than me. She beats me every time!

Ray: Sorry, what's charreada?

Mario: It's a traditional Mexican sport. It's similar to rodeo, but it has many different events. Charreada is very interesting. If you go to Mexico, you should definitely watch a charreada event!

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Answer the questions below

1. When did Mario retire?
2. What's his home country?
3. What does he like doing on the beach?
4. When did he start playing golf?
5. Is playing golf a good way to relax?
6. What sports does he follow?
7. When did he play tennis?
8. What's charreada?

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