

## SPECIAL REPORT

# SOCCER AID PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE



**BARCELONA** and England star Toni Duggan kicked off the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge for Unicef last week, at an international school in Spain. She tells *First News* all about the day and how you can get involved with your own Playground Challenge.

## SCHOOL VISIT

I'm really enjoying my time in Barcelona. Since moving from Manchester City last summer, I've been busy getting to know my teammates and learning a new language. Among all that, I was pleased when Unicef asked me to drop in on a fantastic school just outside Barcelona recently. I've always loved meeting young pupils and this particular trip was really great.

The International School of Catalunya (or ISCAT for short) is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School and has the same curriculum as schools in the UK, so there were lots of pupils there studying hard to get ready for their SATs and A levels. But the day I visited was a bit different.



Toni at ISCAT



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## THE PLAYGROUND CHALLENGE

This year, the school is joining hundreds of schools across the UK that are taking part in the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge. On Friday 8 June, Unicef are asking pupils to bring in a small donation from home and to wear your favourite football or sports kit for the day, and kick, bounce or carry a ball around a fun and active obstacle course that you've designed yourselves.

The students at ISCAT explained how they had designed their Playground Challenge using the equipment they had at their school and invited me to get involved. The Soccer Aid match at Old Trafford on Sunday 10 June will feature Robbie Williams' England side against the Soccer Aid World XI, captained by Olympic legend Usain Bolt. So, for the ISCAT Playground Challenge, I joined one team of students representing England against a team representing the Soccer Aid World XI, captained by Year 11 student, Maya.

It was a competitive race and seeing how children of all ages came together for the Playground Challenge was so much fun – I really think it's the perfect way to raise money for Unicef.

It was nice to hear how women's football was so important to both the girls and the boys at the school. And that's an important part of the Playground Challenge too – it is for everyone. It doesn't matter if you're a boy or a girl, or how good you are at football.



## GET INVOLVED

I want to encourage girls and boys like you all across the UK to get together with your classmates to design a Playground Challenge, then do everything you can to raise as much as possible. All the money you raise will support Unicef's work to save and change children's lives around the world – just £17 could provide vaccines to protect 10 children from deadly diseases.

I also want to say thank you to the UK Government for matching every pound schools donate. It means that for every £1 you raise, the Government will also give £1, doubling the difference for children all around the world. And don't worry if your school can't fundraise on 8 June, all the donations will be matched until 6 July, so you still have time. Good luck and thank you for supporting Soccer Aid for Unicef!

See a film from Toni's visit at [first.news/toni](http://first.news/toni) and find out how you can get involved in the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge at [unicef.uk/firstnews](http://unicef.uk/firstnews)



Toni and team captain, Maya



## Questions on: 'Soccer Aid Playground Challenge'



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- A4.** What is Soccer Aid? Describe it using the 5Ws often employed by journalists.

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### Part B: Deduce and infer information

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- B3.** The ISCAT Playground Challenge was a competitive race. Explain the choice of teams.
- B4.** Why do you think that Toni Duggan described the Playground Challenge as "the perfect way to raise money for Unicef"?
- B5.** Why doesn't it matter if your school can't fundraise on 8 June?

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- C1.** Comment on the use of the phrase "kicked off" in the lead paragraph.
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### Part D: Writing task

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## Teacher Answers

**AIM OF THE NEWS COMPREHENSIONS:** News reports are unique non-fiction texts. Being real, they naturally engage students, and with the range of topics that are covered, help to develop pupils' knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom. The reports are ideal for short, focused comprehension or discussion activities. Along with the opportunity to find fascinating facts and appreciate the opinions of those involved, there is plenty to be inferred and deduced to understand in more depth what is being reported. Like authors, journalists play with language, so news 'stories' are rich nuggets of text to investigate and provide the opportunity for literacy programmes.

**TEACHER ANSWER GUIDE:** The teacher answers are intended to provide a guide to the reading skill each question is practising. Suggestions are given for a starting point for responses that students would be expected to give at the start of KS3. Further suggestions then give fuller, more developed responses that students will work towards by the end of KS3, in preparation for the non-fiction elements of GCSE English language.

### Part A

#### A1. What is the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge?

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

##### Possible answer

##### Starting point

- The Soccer Aid Playground Challenge involves pupils designing and making an obstacle course in their school playground and then kicking, bouncing or carrying a ball around it in order to raise money for Unicef.

##### Development

- It will take place on Friday June 8. Unicef are asking pupils to wear their favourite football or sports kit and to bring a small donation from home on the day.

#### A2. How will the money raised by the Playground Challenge be used?

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

##### Possible answer

##### Starting point

- The money will be used to support Unicef's work to save and change children's lives around the world.

##### Development

- For example, just £17 could provide vaccines to protect 10 children from deadly diseases.

#### A3. How is the UK Government helping the initiative?

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

##### Possible answer

##### Expected response

- The UK Government will help by matching every pound donated by schools.

#### A4. What is Soccer Aid? Describe it using the 5Ws often employed by journalists:

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

##### Possible answer

**Starting point** – some relevant information identified

**Developed** – all relevant information clearly explained

What?	A British charity event in the form of a friendly football match.
When?	Sunday 10 June 2018.
Where?	Old Trafford.
Who?	Robbie Williams will captain the England side and Usain Bolt will captain the Soccer Aid World XI side. The two teams will be made up of celebrities and former professional players.
Why?	To raise money for Unicef UK.

#### A5. How can you find out more about the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge?

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

##### Possible answer

##### Expected response

- See a film from Toni's visit at [first.news/toni](http://first.news/toni) and find out how you can get involved in the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge at [Unicef.uk/firstnews](http://Unicef.uk/firstnews)



**Part B****B1. Why is Toni Duggan a good person to promote the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge?**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

**Possible answer****Starting point**

● Toni Duggan is a good person to promote the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge because she is a successful football player. Having played for Manchester City, she now plays for Barcelona and she also represents England. Soccer Aid is a charity football match and the Playground Challenge involves using ball skills to raise money. Therefore Toni Duggan's experience as a footballer makes her well qualified to support the initiative.

**Development**

● Toni Duggan also states that she has "always loved meeting young pupils." This shows that she is an appropriate person for the job because she had to go into a school and join in with a Playground Challenge in order to promote it. Someone who enjoys working with young people is likely to be more enthusiastic about getting involved, so Duggan is a good choice.

● Toni Duggan is also a good role model because her success proves that football isn't just for boys and men. Indeed, she said that while she was at ISCAT it was "nice to hear how women's football was so important to both the girls and the boys at the school." Since her presence obviously started that conversation, then she had a positive impact on the pupils that she met.

**B2. Suggest why the International School of Catalunya (ISCAT) was chosen by Unicef to launch the Playground Challenge.**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

**Possible answer****Starting point**

● ISCAT is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting school.

**Development**

● This means that it places the Rights of the Child at the heart of its ethos and curriculum. This is very much what Unicef is about and so it is appropriate that ISCAT should be used by Unicef to promote the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge.

**B3. The ISCAT Playground Challenge was a competitive race. Explain the choice of teams.**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

**Possible answer****Starting point**

● Toni Duggan joined a team representing England and the other team represented the Soccer Aid World XI and was captained by Year 11 student, Maya.

**Development**

● The two teams were chosen to reflect the teams that will be playing in the Soccer Aid match. This is because the Playground Challenge is linked to Soccer Aid; it is the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge. Both events raise money for Unicef UK, but the Playground Challenge is designed specifically to encourage young people to get involved in the charity work.

**B4. Why do you think that Toni Duggan described the Playground Challenge as "the perfect way to raise money for Unicef"?**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

**Possible answer****Starting point**

● It is likely that Toni Duggan described the Playground Challenge as "the perfect way to raise money for Unicef" because it encourages children to be active, creative and to work as a team. These are important skills for children to have.

**Development**

● Furthermore, the Playground Challenge is inclusive because it enables children of all ages and abilities to come together and have fun regardless of gender while raising money for a good cause. Therefore, the Playground Challenge promotes Unicef's values and it is appropriate that an initiative to raise money for children also has a positive impact on those children taking part.

**B5. Why doesn't it matter if your school can't fundraise on 8 June?**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence from the text

**Possible answer****Starting point**

● It doesn't matter if your school can't fundraise on 8 June even though that is the day Unicef has asked pupils to do the Playground Challenge because the UK Government will match all donations until 6 July.

**Development**

● Schools are very busy places especially in the summer term when some year groups have to take public examinations. School trips, sports day and end of year performances also tend to be held in the final term. Therefore, as long as the Playground Challenge is completed before 6 July so that the money raised can be submitted by then, schools can choose a date that fits in with their calendar.

**Part C****C1. Comment on the use of the phrase “kicked off” in the lead paragraph.**

READING SKILL – Recognise effect of language choices

**Possible answer****Starting point**

- In the lead paragraph, the phrase “kicked off” is used informally to mean that Toni Duggan started the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge for Unicef by visiting an international school in Spain and taking part in their obstacle course.

**Development**

- However, the phrase “kicked off” is primarily a football term to describe when a match started or resumed from the centre spot. Therefore its use highlights the football association with Unicef’s charity event. As the use of the phrase occurs in the lead paragraph before the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge has been fully explained, it prepares the reader for the information in the main body text.

**C2. Look at the ‘GET INVOLVED’ section of the article. How does Toni Duggan try to persuade readers to support the Playground Challenge?**

READING SKILL – Explain methods used by the writer with appropriate use of terminology

**Possible answer****Starting point-simple comment on the use of persuasive techniques****Developed response-detailed analysis of how persuasive techniques are employed**

- The use of the personal pronoun “I” in “I want to encourage girls and boys... to do everything you can to raise as much as possible” makes it a personal plea from Toni Duggan herself urging readers to get involved. It is a form of celebrity endorsement.
- The use of direct address when Duggan refers to girls and boys “like you” means that all readers are made to take responsibility.
- Facts and figures are used to show how donations are put to good use. The use of the adverb “just” suggests that £17 isn’t a lot of money when you consider that it can be used to save 10 children from diseases.
- UK Government support is mentioned which gives the initiative status.
- Toni Duggan wishes readers “Good luck” and says “thank you for supporting Soccer Aid for Unicef.” She assumes reader involvement and thus doesn’t give readers the option of not supporting Soccer Aid.

**Part D****Writing task:****D1. Imagine that you were a pupil at ISCAT when Toni Duggan visited and the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge took place. Write an article for the YOUR NEWS section of First News in which you inform readers about what happened.**

READING SKILL-Develop personal ideas from reading news stories

**Possible answer**

## CHARITY CHALLENGE

On the morning of May 16 2018, Toni Duggan visited our school, The International School of Catalunya, in order to help us with our Soccer Aid Playground Challenge to raise money for Unicef. She plays football for Barcelona and England and so everyone was extremely excited about meeting her.

We were all sitting in rows in the playground when Toni arrived and when we got the first glimpse of her everyone cheered really loudly. She was wearing her Barcelona shirt and as she came into the playground she gave the children in the front row a high five. She was so smiley and friendly that I knew we were going to have a great day working with her. I was not wrong!

First of all Toni helped our sports captains put the finishing touches to our Playground Challenge obstacle course. She seemed very impressed with how we had used our school equipment to make an exciting course. Then we were put into two teams; one team represented England and the other represented the rest of the world. I was on the England side and I was very pleased to see that Toni Duggan was joining our team.

When it was my turn to do the obstacle course I was a bit nervous because I didn’t want to make a mistake and let Toni down. I needn’t have worried though. She shouted lots of encouragement and didn’t seem to mind when I knocked one of the cones over! There was a fantastic atmosphere because everyone was being really supportive of their team members and just wanted everyone to join in and have fun.

After we had completed the Playground Challenge, Toni Duggan spoke to the school and said it was “the perfect way to raise money for Unicef.” Here at ISCAT we all agree! We are so proud of ourselves for being chosen to start the Soccer Aid Playground Challenge with Toni Duggan and for raising money for such a good cause. If you want to get involved too, and I highly recommend that you do, then visit [Unicef.uk/firstnews](http://Unicef.uk/firstnews) for details.

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