

Are Premier League footballers paid too much?

The Premier League began in 1992, taking over from the old first division. With money from Sky Television, so began the era of multi-million pound transfers and huge wages for the players. The highest earning Premier League footballer is Alexis Sanchez of Manchester United, who is alleged to earn £500,000 a week. Do they deserve this amount of money, or should it be spent elsewhere?

It could be said that footballers have to train hard to keep themselves physically fit and to constantly improve their skills; therefore they cannot eat and drink whatever they like and have to keep to a strict regime. Many would say that this sacrifice means that they deserve to be paid well.

On the other hand, hard-working and vital professionals such as teachers and nurses earn approximately £400 - £500 a week. This means that they would have to work for 20 years, to earn what Sanchez earns in a week. Is this fair?

Nevertheless, footballers make a decision to be footballers, just as nurses decide to be nurses (knowing what the wages are). Footballers provide entertainment for millions of people around the world, who pay money to watch them and for memorabilia. As a result of this, the football clubs earn millions of pounds in profit, so why shouldn't the footballers take a large share of this?

Looking at it another way, if the clubs earn so much money, they should pay money towards community projects and charities. This would result in better lives and improved prospects for many children and young people rather than just a handful of footballers being able to live glamorous lives. After all, why do footballers need lots of sports cars each, when they can only drive one at a time? Some of this money could be spent on local grassroots football, to encourage more children to play and keep fit.

Therefore, I feel that footballers do deserve a good wage, as they do generate a lot of money for the clubs. But I do disagree with how much they earn. Nobody can justify half a million pounds a week for playing football, whilst paramedics (whose job it is to save people's lives in an emergency) would need to work for 20 years to make the same amount! Change is needed - urgently.

TITLE (Often a question!)

PARAGRAPH 1: Introductory paragraph to the topic.

This needs to include some facts and statistics about the topic to shock the reader and needs to be roughly 3-4 lines long. You should also pose your key question – which in this case is “Are premier league footballers paid too much?”

PARAGRAPH 2: Create an argument FOR your question.

PARAGRAPH 3: Create an argument AGAINST your question. This will often directly link to your previous paragraph. Don't forget to use connectives (the underlined words) to link your argument together.

PARAGRAPH 4: Create another argument FOR your question.

PARAGRAPH 5: In this paragraph, you often pose a solution to your question – rather than directly opposing the question. For example in this text, they agree that yes they are paid a lot of money, but instead of taking this money away from them, they should instead donate extra money to charity. If you were arguing against zoos for example, rather than suggesting to ban them completely you could here argue that they should be used ONLY for injured animals or breeding programmes.

PARAGRAPH 6: Here you conclude your debate by raising your opinion and stating your feelings towards the topic. However, to make it a fair debate text, you must acknowledge both sides of the argument – not completely dismiss the one you do not agree with. Remember to use those connectives to sound professional!