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PRE – ASSESSMENT



PRE 1 – True, False, Not Given

Listen to the audio carefully and determine whether the statements provided are True, False or Not Given based on the information you hear. Mark **True** if the statement is **correct**, mark **False** if the statement is **incorrect**, and **Not Given** if the information is **not mentioned** in the audio.

| | TRUE | FALSE | NOT GIVEN |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Cristiano Ronaldo is not proud to make this big decision in his life. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Moving to Saudi Arabia is a new challenge for Cristiano Ronaldo. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He was not able to play in the most important clubs in Europe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Al-Nassr gave him the opportunity to develop his business in Saudi Arabia. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned in the audio in 3-5 sentences using at least 3 vocabularies from the article.

01 Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar** with or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.

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- 00:00 *Interviewer*
 So you **conquered** Europe, now a fresh new start in Asia. How does it feel to be here in Saudi Arabia?
- 00:05 *Cristiano*
 Well, so far I'm feeling very good. I'm so proud to make this big decision in my life in football. As you mentioned before, in Europe, my work, it's done. I won everything. I played in the most important clubs in Europe. And for me now is a new challenge. As you mentioned in Asia, I'm glad that Al-Nassr gave me this opportunity to show and develop not only for football, but also for the generation, the young generation, the women's generation as well, for the young boys. And for me, it's a challenge. But in the same way, I feel very, very happy and very proud.
- 00:53 *Interviewer*
 Definitely and absolutely ready. What excites you and also your family who are here already with you about your new future in Saudi Arabia?
- 01:03 *Cristiano*
 They are happy as well. You know, when I make my decisions, my family, they always support me, especially my kids. God bless them as well. But it's good. They are very happy. The welcome yesterday was amazing. We feel good here. Saudi Arab people are lovely with me and with my family. So I'm really proud.
- 01:26 *Interviewer*
 You already felt it. Well, Cristiano, you have always been **ambitious**. What are you hoping to achieve on and off the pitch in Saudi Arabia?
- 01:39 *Cristiano*
 As I told you before, for me, this is a great opportunity not only in football, but also to change the **mentality** of the new generation. As nobody knows, but I can say now I had many opportunities in Europe, many clubs in Brazil, in Australia, in the US, even in Portugal, many clubs try to sign me, but I give the word to this club for the opportunity to develop not only the football, but the other part of this amazing country. And for me, it's a good challenge. I know what I want and I know, of course, what I don't want as well. So always a good chance to change, to help with my knowledge and my experience, to help to grow many, many important points. Also the women's. Many people probably don't know, but Al-Nassr, they have a women's football team as well. And I want to give a different **vision** of the country, of football, the – **perspective** of everybody. So this is why I took this opportunity.

02:56 *Interviewer*

Amazing respect. Frankly speaking, did Saudi performance at the World Cup and the fact that all the players are in SPL really helped in **convincing** you to make the move and joining Saudi football?

03:18 *Cristiano*

Many people speak and give you their opinions, but they really do not know anything about football. As you know, football now, probably the last 10, 15 years, they are different. All the teams are more prepared. All the teams are ready. If you see and you give the example of the World Cup, the only team that won the Champions was Saudi Arabia. Don't forget that. And you had many surprises. South Korea, for example, the African teams, Costa Rica, for example, they did a good job. It's not easy to win any games today because the teams are prepared. Football, it's different. The **evolution** of football is different. So for me, it's not, it's not the end of my career to come to South Africa. This is why I want to change. And to be honest, I really don't worry about what the people say. I took my decisions and I have a responsibility to change them. But for me, it's...I'm really, really happy to be here. And I know the league is very **competitive**. The people don't know that as well, but I know because I saw many games and you know what I want. And I'm looking forward...to playing. And I hope to play after tomorrow if the coach thinks it's a good change...chance. But I'm... you know, I'm ready to enjoy it to still play football and enjoy the people.

04:45 *Interviewer*

We're really excited to **see you on the pitch** as well. Well, one thing we all agree on, this is a **unique** sighting. But some people have **criticized** your move here. I know you don't care, as you just mentioned, but I want your thoughts on this.

05:00 *Cristiano*

I mean, you **declare** it is good to come here a bit. The all records there. So I'm going to beat a few records here as well. So for me, is that...it's a good chance, as you say, this contract is unique because I'm a unique player as well. So for me, it's normal. 05:17

02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| A conquered | 1 _____ | a person's particular way of thinking about things |
| B ambitious | 2 _____ | to defeat an enemy, or to take control or possession of a foreign land |
| C mentality | 3 _____ | to express disapproval of someone or something |
| D vision | 4 _____ | the act of doing something, such as your job |
| E performance | 5 _____ | an idea or mental image of something |
| F competitive | 6 _____ | involving competition |
| G criticize | 7 _____ | having a strong wish to be successful, powerful, or rich |

02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

vision
develop
competitive
probably
career
opportunity
forward
evolution
sign
league
amazing
perspective

- As you mentioned in Asia, I'm glad for that Al-Nassr gave me this _____ to show and _____ not only for the football, but also for the generation, the young generation, the women's generation as well, for the young boys.
- As nobody knows, but I can say now I had many opportunities in Europe, many clubs in Brazil, in Australia, in the US, even in Portugal, many clubs try to _____ me, but I give the word to this club for the opportunity to develop not only the football, but the other part of this _____ country.
- Many people _____ don't know, but Al-Nassr, they have a women's football team as well. And I want to give a different _____ of the country, of the football, the _____ of everybody.
- The _____ of football is different. So for me, it's not, it's not the end of my _____ to come to South Africa.
- But for me, it's...I'm really, really happy to be here. And I know _____ is very _____. The people don't know that as well, but I know because I saw many games and you know what I want. And I'm looking _____to play.

03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 How would you describe Cristiano Ronaldo as a football player?

2 What do you think of Cristiano Ronaldo's move to Saudi Arabia?

3 How would the move to Saudi Arabia impact Cristiano Ronaldo's career as a football player?

4 What could be the possible reasons why Cristiano Ronaldo decided to move to Saudi Arabia?

04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

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|-----------|----|
| WORD | 01 |
| + example | |

INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

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| WORD | 01 |
| + example | |

DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

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| WORD | 01 |
| how can I understand better + example | |

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| WORD | 02 |
| + example | |

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| WORD | 02 |
| + example | |

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| WORD | 02 |
| how can I understand better + example | |

Old keys don't unlock new doors.



Notes

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



KEY ANSWERS

A1
1B 2G 3A 4E 5D 6F 7C

A2
1 opportunity, develop
2 sign, amazing
3 probably, vision, perspective
4 evolution, career
5 league, competitive, forward

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