

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (8pts).

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it.

Didier Drogba is one of the most famous African soccer players. He was born on March 11th, 1978 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. When he was five years old, he went to France to live with his uncle, a footballer too. Drogba started playing football seriously at the age of fifteen.

He played for several French clubs before joining Chelsea in 2004. At Chelsea, he became a superstar. Drogba is 5 tall and very strong. He has short black hair and a charming smile. On the pitch, he was a powerful striker, famous for his speed, strength, and excellent shots.

Off the field, Didier Drogba is respected for his kindness and generosity. He created a foundation to help children in Africa with education and health. In 2006, he even played an important role in bringing peace to Côte d'Ivoire when he asked his people to stop fighting during the civil war.

10 Today, Drogba is retired, but he is still admired by millions of fans around the world. People remember him not only as a great footballer but also as a true leader and a man of peace.

Since retiring, Didier Drogba has shifted much of his life toward philanthropy, social impact, and sustainable projects. He lives in Côte d'Ivoire so he can be more directly involved with the **Didier Drogba Foundation**, which works to improve education, health care, and access to services in Africa, including mobile clinics and 15 programmes for digital literacy.

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A-VOCABULARY. (4pts) Match each word in column A with the correct definition or meaning in column B.
N°1 is an example. (4pts). **Example:** 1-g

CULUMN A	CULUMN B
1. Famous(line 1)	a) Someone who scores goals in football
2. Strong (line 5)	b) Human beings
3. Generosity (line 7)	c) Being respected and loved
4. Foundation (line 7)	d) The quality of giving and helping others
5. Powerful (line 5)	e) Very strong or influential
6. Admired (line 10)	f) An organization created for a special purpose
7. Striker (line 5)	g) Known by many people
8. People (line 10)	h) A situation without war
9. Peace (line 11)	i) Having great physical power

B-COMPREHENSION CHECK. (4pts). Read the text again and give short answers to the following questions.

1. Where and when was Didier Drogba born?
2. Which English club made him famous?
3. Describe Drogba's physical appearance.
4. Is Drogba still playing football today? Justify your answer.

PART TWO: LANGUAGE IN USE (6pts).

Task A The paragraph below based on Didier Drogba's recent lifestyle. Read it and fill in with the correct word from the box. Do like in the example. Example: **1- strong**

Strong – respect – chieftaincy - roots

He is also involved in innovative ventures: he's co-owner of **Team Drogba**.

Culturally, he maintains 1.....ties to his 2..... He was recently honored with a traditional 3..... title in his native village in Côte d'Ivoire, reflecting the 4..... he continues to hold in his community.

TASK B. Read the sentences below. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense and form to make them meaningful. **Example: 1.visited**

1. Yesterday, I _____ (visit) my grandmother.
2. Listen! The birds _____ (sing) in the trees.
3. He usually _____ (eat) lunch at 1 o'clock.
4. Look! It _____ (rain) outside.

PART THREE : WRITING (6pts).

After reading DROGBA's story, your teacher of English asks you to write about another inspirational person of your choice as a project task. Write a short paragraph (10-15 sentences) that will be shared with your classmates . In your paragraph mention:

- His/her name and nationality
- His/her age
- His/her physical description
- His/her qualities and why you admire him