

Being a Fan: Worksheet

## Arsenal

### Pre-Listening (Background information)

Andy is an Arsenal fan and here he talks about some of the memories he has as a Gunners supporter.

### A. Main Idea – note taking

Listen to the report and fill in the chart with appropriate information.

Speaker	Hometown	Supports	Heroes	Worst Memory	Best Memory
Andy		Arsenal			

### B. Comprehension

Listen to the report and answer the questions.

1. Why did Andy become an Arsenal fan?
2. Why were Andy's first experiences of seeing Arsenal not so positive?
3. How does Andy describe the team from the mid-1990s to the end of the decade?

### C. Vocabulary

Listen again to the whole report and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word. Then write the meaning of the word.

1. 'Right, today we have got an Arsenal season ticket \_\_\_\_\_ giving us his views on all things ...'
2. 'I can remember my first \_\_\_\_\_ of games, there were a few at ...'

3. 'The guys who really \_\_\_\_\_ for me were, particularly, like...'
4. '... of good memories was winning the \_\_\_\_\_ in the...'

## ANSWERS

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### A. Main Idea – note taking

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Speaker	Hometown	Supports	Heroes	Worst Memory	Best Memory
Andy	No sure but mother from North London	Arsenal	Ian Wright	Losing the CL final in Paris	1998 Double win Robin Van Persie's wonder goal

### B. Comprehension

Listen to the report and answer the questions.

- Why did Andy become an Arsenal fan?  
**Because his mother is from the area**
- Why were Andy's first experiences of seeing Arsenal not so positive?  
**Because he saw matches that ended in a draw frequently**
- How does Andy describe the team from the mid-1990s to the end of the decade?  
**Amazing / a golden period**

### C. Vocabulary

Listen again to the whole report and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word. Then write the meaning of the word.

1. 'Right, today we have got an Arsenal season ticket **holder** giving us his views on all things ...'  
**someone who has a ticket for the year**
2. 'I can remember my first **couple** of games, there were a few at ...'  
**few (two or three)**
3. '...The guys who really **stick out** for me were, particularly, like...'  
**were important; stand out**
4. '...of good memories was winning the **double** in the...'  
**the domestic league title and the cup**

### Transcript

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Damian: Right, today we have got an Arsenal season ticket holder giving us his views on all things Gunners. Hello, how are you doing? Could you please introduce yourself.

Andy: Hi yes, my name is Andy Robertson, I have been an Arsenal fan for life and I started supporting Arsenal when I was very young, mainly because my mother came from north London.

Damian: Can you remember your first game?

Andy: I can remember my first couple of games, there were a few at Highbury and some of the Champions League games in the late '90s when we played at Wembley against clubs like RC Lens. They weren't great experiences because they were all draws.

Damian: So, when you were younger, who were your heroes at Arsenal?

Andy: The guys who really stick out for me were, particularly, like Ian Wright in the mid-90s and as we went towards the end of the '90s the sort of 'golden era' for me was the amazing back four of Bould, Winterburn, Seaman ... Parlour on the wing and when we had players like Bergkamp and Viera ... Overmars who came in, it was just an amazing time.

Damian: Now, tell us a little about your best and your worst memory. Let's start with the worst memory.

Andy: Worst memory was probably Champions League final in Paris, I have to say. (Ed: Lost 1-2 to Barcelona in 2006)

Damian: How about the best memory as an Arsenal fan?

Andy: Er, couple of good memories was winning the double in the '98 season and probably Robin Van Persie's goal against Charlton.

Damian: Thank you very much