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Arabic language, Arab culture and football

Activity 1

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Activity 1

Share with your pupils copies of the letters written by the Egyptian girls who play football through the Premier skills project. Ask them to find Egypt on a world map, discuss questions in pairs and then feedback their thoughts and ideas to the rest of the class.

Questions for discussion

- What did you find most interesting about the letters from the Egyptian footballers?
- Did anything surprise you about their responses?
- What further questions would you like to ask one of the writers?
- Look again at the reasons that the girls give about why they like football. Which do you most agree with? Do you disagree with any?
- Why do you think team sports like football are important in school?
- What opportunities are available for girls and boys to play football in your school and community?

Learning objectives:

To provide opportunities for discussion and help pupils to learn about the lives of young female footballers in Egypt.

Core and transferable skills:

Communication and collaboration, Creativity and imagination.

Curriculum links:

English, Arts, PE.

Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG 5 Gender equality, SDG 3 Good health and wellbeing

Preparation and resources:

Copies of letters, plain pieces of paper or card, scissors, colouring pens or pencils and glue.

Letters written by the Egyptian girls who play football through the Premier skills project



My name is:
Rania Hamed Abdelghany

اسمي: رانيا حامد عيد الغنبي

I live in (what town):
Mattay, Menya, Egypt

أعيش في (أي مدينة): مَطَاي، المنيا، مصر

Tell us about your family:
Very Simple Family

أخبرنا عن عائلتك: عائلة بسيطة جدًا

My favourite things to do:
I love Football

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: أحب كرة القدم

Why I love football:

Because I feel the equality between males and females
لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنني أشعر بالمساواة بين الذكور والإناث

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

N/A

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لادعيك المفضل؟

**What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?**

Football Coach

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة التي تحلم بها؟ كرة القدم



My name is:
Nourhan Naser Mohamed

اسمي: نورهان ناصر محمد

I live in (what town):
Mallawy, Menya

أعيش في (أي بلدة): ملوي، المنيا

Tell us about your family:
Mother, Father, 3 siblings

أخبرنا عن عائلتك: أم، أب، 3 أشقاء

My favourite things to do:

Football, theatre, singing with sign language and tailoring
الأشياء المفضلة لدي: كرة القدم والمسرح والغناء بلغة الإشارة والخياطة

Why I love football:

Because it is a way of solving a conflict and the best way to communicate with a normal not hearing-impaired people

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنها طريقة لحل النزاع وأفضل طريقة للتواصل مع الأشخاص العاديين وليس الذين يعانون من إعاقة سمعية

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Elahly Team/ Mohamed Salah

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لادعيك المفضل؟ فريق الأهلي / محمد صلاح

**What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?**

Teacher at school/ Football Coach

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة التي تحلم بها؟ مدرس في مدرسة / مدرب كرة قدم

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My name is:
Nada Adel Badawi

اسمي: ندى عادل بدوي

I live in (what town):
Quss. Qena

أعيش في (أي بلدة): قس. قنا

Tell us about your family:
Nice and wonderful

أخبرنا عن عائلتك: جميلة ورائعة

My favourite things to do:
Football, reading, drawing

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: كرة القدم، القراءة، الرسم

Why I love football:

because it is collective and when I play it I feel energized and
because it develops the body

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنها جماعية وعندما ألعبها أشعر بالنشاط
ولأنها تنمي جسدي

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Mohamed Salah

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لاعبك المفضل؟ محمد صلاح

What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?

Professional football player

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة
التي تحلم بها؟ لاعب كرة قدم محترف



My name is:
Judy Abdul Qawi Kamel Hajjaj

اسمي: جودي عبد القوي كامل حجج

I live in (what town):
Qena-Qus

أسكن في (أي بلدة): قنا-قوص

Tell us about your family:
Wonderful and supportive

حدثنا عن عائلتك: رائعة وداعمة

My favourite things to do:
Football/swimming

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: كرة القدم / السباحة

Why I love football:

Because it's a fun team game

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنها لعبة جماعية ممتعة

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Al-Ahly Al-Masri/Cristiano Ronaldo/Leo Messi

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لاعبك المفضل؟ الأهلي المصري /
كريستيانو رونالدو / ليو ميسي

What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?

Dentist

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة
التي تحلم بها؟ طبيبة أسنان

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My name is:
Aya Mohamed Abdel Imam

اسمي: آية محمد عبد الإمام

I live in (what town):
Quss, Qena

أعيش في (أي بلدة): قوص، قنا

Tell us about your family:
Nice, wonderful and beautiful

حدثينا عن عائلتك: لطيفة ورائعة وجميلة

My favourite things to do:
Football, reading, drawing and karate

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: كرة القدم والقراءة والرسم والكاراته

Why I love football:

Because it is a team game and when I play it I feel energetic
and because it develops the body

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنها لعبة جماعية وعندما أعبها أشعر
بالحيوية ولأنها تنمي الجسم

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Mohamed Salah

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لاعبك المفضل؟ محمد صلاح

**What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?**

Professional football player

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة
التي تحلم بها؟ لاعب كرة قدم محترف

My name is:
Rahma Jamal Ibrahim Mustafa

اسمي: رحمة جمال إبراهيم مصطفى

I live in (what town):
Quss, Qena

أعيش في (أي بلدة): قوص، قنا

Tell us about your family:

I have 3 sisters, 2 brothers, my parents and my mother work as
doctors and I am studying in middle school.

أخبرنا عن عائلتك: لدي 3 شقيقات وشقيقان، يعمل والداي ووالدتي
كأطباء وأنا أدرس في المدرسة الإعدادية

My favourite things to do:
drawing, reading, playing football

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: الرسم والقراءة ولعب كرة القدم

Why I love football:

Because football is an interesting game that helps me raise my
physical efficiency in addition to developing the personality of
leadership and decision-making

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأن كرة القدم لعبة ممتعة تساعدني على
رفع كفاءتي البدنية بالإضافة إلى تنمية شخصية القيادة واتخاذ القرار

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Al Ahly

ما هو فريقك المفضل / لاعبك المفضل؟ الأهلي

**What job would you like to do in the future /
what is your dream job?**

I wish to work as a gynecologist and obstetrician like my father

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة
التي تحلم بها؟ أتمنى أن أعمل كطبيبة نسائية وطبيبة توليد مثل والدي

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My name is:

Dina Mohamed Farghali

اسمي: دينا محمد فرغلي

I live in (what town):

Quss. Qena

أعيش في (أي بلدة): قوص. قنا

Tell us about your family:

My family consists of 6 members, 2 brothers, me and my sister Malak. My Father and mother work in the field of education

حدثينا عن عائلتك: عائلتي تتكون من 6 أفراد، شقيقان، أنا وأختي ملك. أبي وأمي يعملان في مجال التعليم

My favourite things to do:

Drawing, colouring, swimming, football and acting

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: الرسم والتلوين والسباحة وكرة القدم والتمثيل

Why I love football:

Because it's a fun game that helps you revitalize the body.

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: لأنها لعبة ممتعة تساعدك على تنشيط الجسم.

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Kahraba

ما هو فريقك المفضل / ليعبك المفضل؟ اللاعب كهرياء

What job would you like to do in the future /

what is your dream job?

Theater teacher

ما الوظيفة التي تود القيام بها في المستقبل / ما هي الوظيفة التي تحلم بها؟ مدرس مسرح

My name is:

Malak Muhammad Farghali

اسمي: ملك محمد فرغلي

I live in (what town):

Quss, Qena

أعيش في (أي بلدة): قوص. قنا

Tell us about your family:

I am from a family of 6 members, I have two brothers and two sisters My father and mother work in the field of education and unfortunately, we have difficulties in my town to do any sports until the team of a 1000 girls 1000 dreams appeared and I was able to do sports. I started playing football which was one of my most important dreams

أخبرنا عن عائلتك: أنا من عائلة مكونة من 6 أفراد، لدي شقيقان وشقيقتان أبي وأمي يعملان في مجال التعليم.. وللأسف نواجه صعوبات في بلدتي لممارسة أي رياضة حتى ظهور فريق 1000 فتاة 1000 حلم وتمكنت من ممارسة الرياضة. بدأت لعب كرة القدم وكان ذلك من أهم أحلامي

My favourite things to do:

Reading, memorizing the Quran, swimming, football

الأشياء المفضلة لدي: القراءة وحفظ القرآن والسباحة وكرة القدم

Why I love football:

From a young age I have been hoping to play football because it is an interesting and fun game and I feel happy while playing it

لماذا أحب كرة القدم: منذ صغري كنت أتمنى أن ألعب كرة القدم لأنها لعبة ممتعة وأشعر بالسعادة أثناء لعبها

What is your favourite team/favourite player?

Mohamed Salah

ما هو فريقك المفضل / ليعبك المفضل؟ محمد صلاح

What job would you like to do in the future /

what is your dream job?

Football coach

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Make your own concertina or zig zag book about your interests.

The Egyptian footballers shared information about themselves using the following headings:

- My name is:
- I live in (what town):
- Tell us about your family:
- My favourite things to do:
- Why I love football...
- What is your favourite team/favourite player?
- What is your dream job?

The British Library has launched a project called Step Inside your Story showing how authors and pupils can make simple concertina or zig zag books to tell others about themselves.

Challenge your pupils to follow the set of instructions to make a zig zag book about themselves, their thoughts and aspirations. They could use the same categories as the Egyptian students or adapt them. They might include a catchy title, cartoons, pictures and speech bubbles. They could also try writing their names in English and Arabic using the information from the sheet in appendix 1. Remind your pupils that in Arabic the letters are written from right to left.

They will need: a plain piece of paper. It could be A4, or larger if they want to make a bigger book, scissors, colouring pencils or pens, glue, Arabic alphabet in appendix 1.

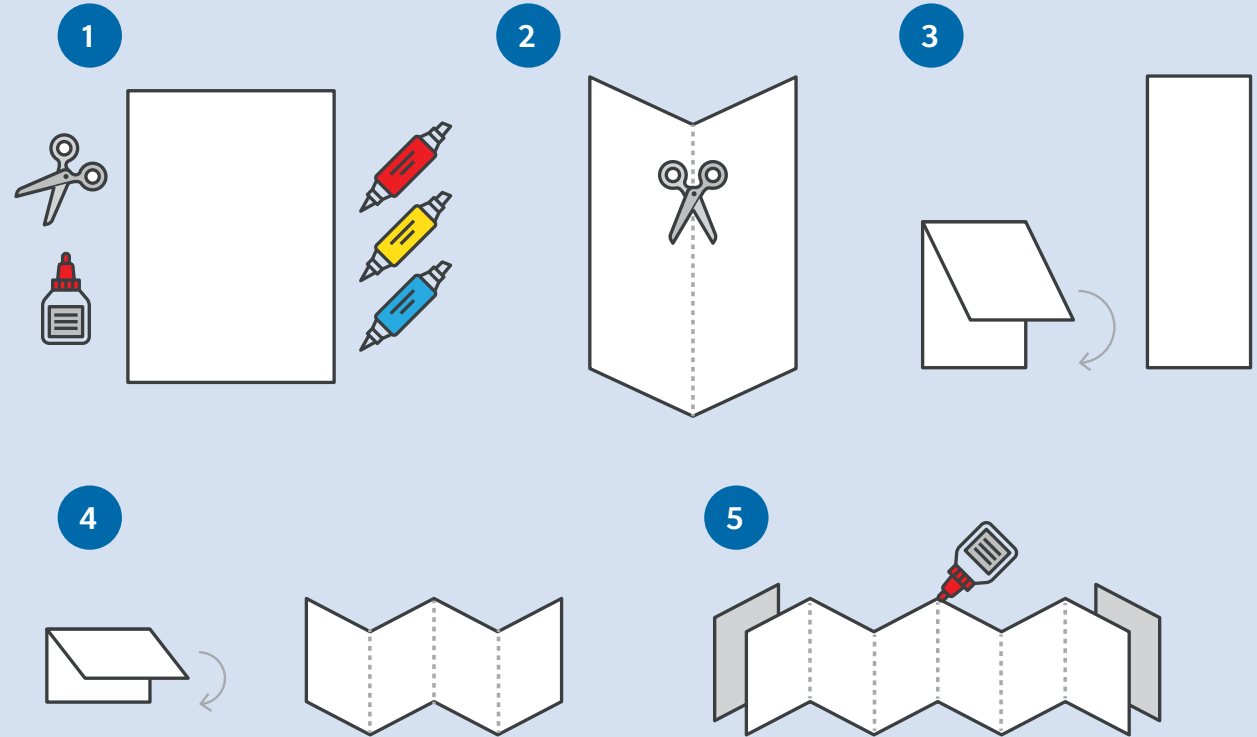
You could adapt these activities for your pupils using additional adults when available to support making the concertina books and provide word banks with useful vocabulary.

Instructions

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1. Get all of your stationery together
2. Fold the paper in half lengthways, so the two long edges meet and cut along the fold to make two long strips.
3. Take one of the strips. Fold it in half, so the two short edges meet.
4. Fold the paper in half again to make the zig zag shape.
5. If you want to make a longer book, repeat with the second strip of paper and glue the two strips together.

You could also make a cover for your book out of card and share your completed zig zag books with another class or put copies in the class library.



Additional activities

When the England women's team won the UEFA European Women's Championship in 2022, they wanted to inspire a new generation of footballers. In relation to this, they wrote an open letter to the UK government asking them to ensure that all girls have access to a minimum of 2 hours of PE lessons a week and are able to play football in PE lessons. Ask your pupils to discuss these proposals in pairs. They could line up on one side of the classroom if they agree with the proposal and on the other if they disagree and state the reason for their choice. Alternatively, you could organise a debate or invite pupils to write a letter to a member of staff sharing their views on the topic.

In 1921, the Football Association – the sport's governing body in the UK banned women's football games from FA-affiliated football grounds, stating, "The game of football is quite unsuitable for females and should not be encouraged." This ban lasted for 51 years. Read the historical article in appendix 2 or look at the whole education pack here: <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/football-rememberseducation-pack-6427911>

Ask your pupils to discuss their thoughts and opinions about the issues raised in the article and the subsequent ban on women's football.



Opportunities to work with a partner school

If you are working with a partner school you could summarise and share the main points of your discussions along with copies of your concertina books with each other.