

More than just a game of football?



PUPIL - Benni Bartlett

Benni lives in a township and his family does not have a lot of money. There are frequent power cuts and they do not own a television. He is a huge football fan. He plays football at break and at lunch with his friends at school. He supports Manchester United and would love to watch a World Cup match.

TEACHER - Josephine

Josephine works at Nelson Mandela School. She is not very well paid but loves her job. She has little interest in football and sees rugby as South Africa's sport.

TAXI BOSS - Alfred Lourens

Alfred runs several jitney taxis [small buses that follow a regular route along which they pick up and drop off passengers on a random basis].

These taxis are shared by many different residents to get to and from work. He walked out of a meeting with Cape Town officials about the new transport system. Improvements in public transport would put an end to these unregistered taxis which could damage his business.

HOTEL OWNER - Tom & Gill

Tom and Gil run a small guest house near Table Mountain. Several new hotels are being built in Cape Town to accommodate the thousands of expected spectators.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER - Similo Baba

Similo Baba works as a supervisor at the Green Point Stadium construction site. This is his dream job "When I'm asleep I'm still thinking of the bricks and the concrete." He has been in the construction industry for over 30 years but has received additional training for the building of Green Point Stadium in Cape Town. An added incentive for construction workers like Similo is that they will each receive two free World Cup tickets from FIFA.