

# 8 Reading Worksheet

1. Read the article. What does Javier Hernandez Balcazar's nickname mean?

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## Javier Hernandez Balcazar

Javier Hernandez Balcazar is an athlete. He's a soccer player from Guadalajara in Mexico, but now he plays for Manchester United. He is the first Mexican to play for that team. His father and grandfather are soccer players too, but they don't play any more. His father's nickname is "El Chicharo" (the pea) because his eyes are green. Javier's nickname is "Chicharito" (little pea). Javier always has his nickname and the number fourteen on his soccer uniforms.

Javier is living in the U.K. right now. He speaks very good English. When he isn't playing soccer or training, he relaxes. He spends time with his girlfriend, talks to his family, watches movies, or goes to the mall. He likes to visit other parts of the U.K. but this is sometimes difficult because he plays soccer a lot. He is also studying business administration. What a busy life!



2. Match the two parts of each statement, according to the article.

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| 1. Javier Hernandez Balcazar  | a. in England now.  |
| 2. He plays soccer            | b. means "the pea".   |
| 3. His father and grandfather | c. movies to relax.   |
| 4. Javier's father's nickname | d. is Mexican.  |
| 5. Javier likes to watch      | e. number fourteen and his nickname on his soccer uniforms. |
| 6. Javier always has the      | f. don't play soccer any more.                              |

3. Complete the statements with the words below.

business administration   English   father   girlfriend   Mexican   nickname   mall

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| 1. Javier Hernandez is the first <u>Mexican</u> _____ to play for Manchester United. | 4. Javier speaks very good _____.    |
| 2. Javier's _____ has green eyes.  | 5. Javier enjoys going to the _____. |
| 3. Javier's _____ is Chicharito.   | 6. Javier is also studying _____.    |