

## ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

### The WORLD CUP and the CUP OF LIFE

#### HOT TOPICS

Today we are discussing the qualities of a good coach and the World Cup.

1. What were you doing 4 years ago when the last world cup was held? (*large group*)
2. Who is the best coach or teacher/encourager you have ever had and why were they good? (*in two small groups*)
3. What qualities make up a good coach/teacher/mentor... (*discuss in pairs*)

- Wise
- Fair
- Encourager
- Someone I can trust
- Gives guidance and advice
- Knows my strengths and weaknesses
- Other.....

Today we look at a reading from the Bible that talks about these qualities. Qualities of God. In this reading God is described as a shepherd who looks after his sheep. Or in this lesson – a coach, who looks after his players. A good coach has to know his players, what they are thinking, what their desires and troubles are and their strengths and weaknesses.

**Read Psalm 23** (*choose 3 people to read*):

1. You Lord, are my **shepherd** (coach), I will never be in need.  
You let me rest in fields of green grass,  
you lead me to streams of peaceful water,  
and you **refresh my life**.

2. You are true to your name,  
and you lead me along the right paths.  
I may walk through the **valley as dark as death**,  
but I won't be afraid.  
You are with me,  
and your **shepherd's rod** makes me feel safe.

3. You **treat me to a feast**, while my enemies watch.  
You honour me as your guest,  
and you fill my cup until it overflows.  
Your kindness and love will always be with me  
each day of my life,  
and I will live for ever in your house, Lord.

#### Discussion

(a) **Look at paragraph 1.** Where do you go to rest or find peace in Brisbane? **Who** (person/people) or **what** (things or activities) refreshes your life (motivates or encourages you)? (*in threes*)

(b) **Look at paragraph 2.**

Who gives you direction in your life?

- My parents/family
- My partner (girl/boyfriend/husband/wife)
- Myself
- My friends
- My mentor/coach/teacher
- God

When have you been afraid in Brisbane? What makes you feel safe?

(c) **Look at paragraph 3.** What does 'fill my cup until it overflows.' mean?

- a) get drunk
- b) to be careless or messy
- c) God fills me with his life and love

How is your cup of life? Overflowing, needs filling or empty?

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