

Take the Money and **RUN**

Paulo Umberto is one of the world's best soccer players. Read the story and find out: Why is he thinking of moving to a new team?

Paulo Umberto is a lucky man. He is married to a wonderful woman and they have three healthy, happy children. He is also the best soccer player in his country. This past season he led his team, the Eagles, to the championship of his country.

The sportswriters say that the Eagles are the best team in the history of the country, and probably one of the best teams in the world. The Eagles do everything well—defense, passing and scoring. Most everyone believes Paulo Umberto is the main reason for the success of the Eagles.

But Paulo is thinking of leaving. His contract with the Eagles will end soon. So Paulo

has been talking with the four owners of the team about a new contract. The four owners, all brothers whose family is very famous in the country, want very much to keep Paulo on the Eagles.

At the same time, the owner of a famous English football team wants Paulo to play with his team. He has offered Paulo a lot of money—much more than he earns now. If he signs with the English team, in five years he would make more money than he would earn in his lifetime playing in his country. He would be so rich that he would never have to worry about money again.

Paulo wants to continue to play for the Eagles and live in his own country. He really doesn't want to change his lifestyle and move to England. He doesn't speak English. His wife and his children want to stay in their country. He likes his teammates and the owners. He knows that they have offered him the best contract they can afford. No one is very wealthy in his country.

But the contract with the English team is very attractive. Paulo could help make that team the best in Europe, and maybe the world. And he would be very, very rich.



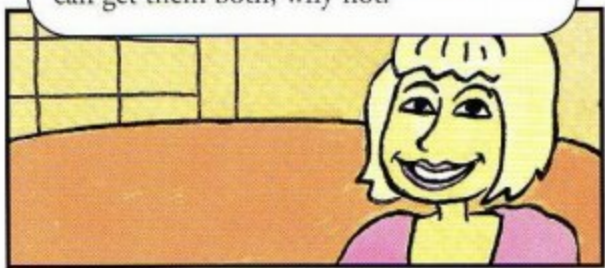
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Paulo should "go for the money"? Check the opinions you agree with.

When there's a big chance, you should take it. Don't hesitate. You may never have a second big chance!



Money and fame are exciting. If you can get them both, why not!



I think you have to go for the money. You can never have too much money.



Happiness is more important than money. You can't buy that with money.



Peace and harmony are the most important things in life. If you have peace and harmony in your life, don't change, even for money.



Now exchange your ideas with a classmate.

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LOOKING AT THE ISSUE

If you received a lot of money, what would you do? List three things.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If you became very famous, how would you feel or what would you do? List three things.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Are there things money can't buy? List three things.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.