Over the Line 2016
Writing activity 2

Very regrettably there has been trouble between some of the fans at EURO 2016. So-called fans from at least five countries have been involved.

It is important to point out that it is not all the fans who are doing this and that fans from most countries have not been involved at all. But it is also important to point out that it is still very wrong. Many fans have been injured. Some badly. And thousands of people have been frightened.

The England captain – Wayne Rooney – has made a video to appeal to England fans to avoid any trouble if they can. The video he made will have been scripted for him. It will have been written, checked, edited and then given to Rooney to read to camera.

Today we’d like you write a script for a footballer’s message to the fans.

- What would you say?
- How would you say it?
- Would you praise the fans for coming to watch the tournament?
- Would you ask them – or tell them – not to get involved in any trouble?
- What tone would you use?
- Would you suggest they find other things to do in an amazing country like France? Like what?
- Could you recommend they meet and talk to people who support other teams? To learn about life in other countries, rather than fight.

You might want to have a chat about it first. Work out the important things to say. Then find the right words to give to the player to say.

Once you have written your script, read it aloud. You could even make videos to see if your words are as powerful as they need to be. Keep it short. It should last no more than a minute.

You can watch Wayne Rooney’s short video message to fans here to see how it compares to yours. http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/36519304