

Workshop 1: The New Americans**Reading 1 Project: School Before Soccer**
Freddy Adu and His Mom

Freddy Adu decided to finish school instead of joining a soccer team for big bucks. What did he and his mom discuss before he made this decision?

Project: Freddy Adu and his mom had to make a big decision. Should Freddy join a soccer team or stay in school? Write a dialogue. Work with a partner.

Procedure**1. Reread the article.**

Use these questions to discuss events from “School Before Soccer,” on page 10 of your *rBook*:

- Who noticed Freddy’s soccer ability?
- How much money was he offered?
- How did Freddy’s mom influence his decision?

2. Choose roles. Then write.

Take turns playing the parts of Freddy and his mother. Just talk at first. Then write a dialogue, using the lines that you like the best. The dialogue should be at least six lines long (three lines for each character). Here is a format you can use:

Freddy’s Mom: We have to talk about the offer you received from the soccer team.

Freddy: Okay, Mom. You know, I would get lots of money if I joined the team.

3. Present.

Write your dialogue or type it on the computer. Post it on the wall or read it aloud for a small group.