

## Unit 20 - Maria (Ireland)

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I'm not a sports person myself ... um ... and the only sports really I follow would be Gaelic football, which is ... um ... obviously an Irish sport. It's not practised over here at all— I think it is a little bit in the London-Irish parts of— of London ... um ... where you have the larger groups of Irish people living around, and ... um ... we travel over and back from my county in Ireland to play every now and then. But ... um ... that's one thing I miss. It's a huge ... um ... part of Irish life and culture is going to the football matches, and your brothers and your cousins and everybody else plays, so you support. It's a regular Sunday, you know, outing. This Sunday, for example ... um ... Roscommon, where I'm from, they were in the county finals in ... um ... the sport, so I listened to it via the Internet in my home on Sunday. So my husband thought I was crazy, sitting there listening to commentating over this football match but that— that's really the only sport I would follow. Uh, it's a mixture between rugby and football— or soccer as we call it in Ireland— whereas the ball is the same as ... um ... shape as— as a football, but you can obviously handle it as you can in rugby. So, I suppose it's a mixture between the two.