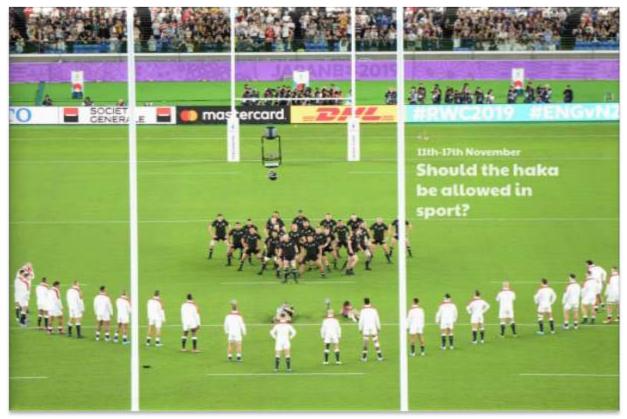


## 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 What's going on this week?



During the Rugby World Cup, the England rugby team were fined £2,000 for crossing the halfway line on the pitch as they lined up before the semi-final whilst the New Zealand team were performing the haka (a traditional Māori war dance). World Rugby rules state that teams must remain within their own half of the pitch to receive the haka. However Welsh rugby writer, Stephen Jones, has called for the All Blacks to stop the haka altogether, saying it is a 'means of rank bullying on and off the field'.

Things to talk about at home...

- Did you watch any of the Rugby World Cup this year? Do you enjoy watching sport?
- Have you heard or seen the 'haka' before?
- Do you think that the New Zealand 'All Blacks' should be allowed to perform the haka at the start of a sports match?
- Do you think the other team should be allowed to respond? Do you think it was fair the England team were punished for crossing the halfway line during the haka?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...





