

The UEFA Champions League

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 1: Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them. More resources with this objective.

Differentiation for challenge activities:

Section A Use a word bank to help fill in 5 sentences from the text.

Section B Tick the correct answer to complete sentences or answer questions from the text.

Section C Read five statements and decide whether they are true or false.

Section D Match five words or abbreviations found in the text with their meaning.

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The UEFA Champions League

The Champions League is a football competition that takes place every year. It is organised by UEFA (you-ay-fuh). UEFA represent all the national football associations of Europe.

E: (Q1) Who organises the Champions League? UEFA

S: (Q7) Why do you think it is called the Champions League? Because the best teams in Europe play in it, and the winning team are the champions.



The Champions League was founded in 1955. Its logo is called the 'starball'.

E: (Q2) Why do you think the logo is called the starball? It is covered in stars.

D: (Q4) Do you think that is a good name for the UEFA logo? Personal response.

Champions League games are usually held in the biggest stadiums in Europe. Many people go to cheer on their favourite teams. Fans chant for their teams and wave their scarves to show support.

E: (Q3) Why do you think the games are held in the biggest stadiums? Because lots of people go to watch them.

M: (Q10) What does 'show their support' mean? It means they are excited and want to see their team win.



Lots of people enjoy watching Champions League games on television, too. Some people even have parties. Millions of people watch the tournament every year.

M: (Q11) Why do some people watch the match on their television? They might not be able to go to the stadium to watch the game.

S: (Q8) Have you ever seen a football game on television or at a stadium? Did you enjoy it? Personal response.

The team that wins the league gets a special trophy called The European Cup. The 2015 – 2016 champions were Real Madrid. They have won the competition 11 times! That is more than any other club.

D: (Q5) Who won the European Cup last year?

Real Madrid

S: (Q9) What is another word for 'competition'?

Tournament/game/match



This year the Champions League final will take place at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales. Juventus and Real Madrid will be competing for the Cup. Fans will travel from all over the world to watch the game and cheer for their team!

M: (Q12) What is the difference between the Champions League and the European Cup?

The Champions League is the name of the tournament. The European Cup is the name of the trophy.

D: (Q6) Do you think Millennium Stadium is big or small? Why? It must be big because lots of people are going to come to watch the game.



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The UEFA Champions League – Comprehension

Section A

1. Who organises the Champions League?

2. Why do you think the logo is called the starball?

3. Why do you think the games are held in the biggest stadiums?

Section B

4. Do you think that is a good name for the UEFA logo?

5. Who won the European Cup last year?

6. Do you think Millennium Stadium is big or small? Why?

Section C

7. Why do you think it is called the Champions League?

8. Have you ever seen a football game on television or at a stadium? Did you enjoy it?

9. What is another word for 'competition'?

Section D

10. What does 'show their support' mean?

11. Why do some people watch the match on their television?

12. What is the difference between the Champions League and the European Cup?

The UEFA Champions League – Challenge Activity

Section A

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks and complete each sentence from the text.

The UEFA logo is called the .

Champions League games are held in stadiums in .

Lots of people watch the tournament on .

This year the final match will take place in .

The teams playing in the final are Real Madrid and .

television	starball	Juventus	Europe	Wales
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Section B

Tick the correct answer.

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The UEFA Champions League – Challenge Activity

Section C

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

Statement	True	False
England is playing in the Champions League final.		
The 2017 Champions League final is happening in Wales.		
Real Madrid have won the Champions League ten times.		
Fans do not travel to watch football games.		
The Champions League tournament takes place every year.		

Section D

Match each word with its meaning.

Word

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a) happening once every year

2. tournament

b) competition

3. UEFA

c) logo for the Union of European Football Associations

4. annual

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5. chant

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1c

2b

3e

4a

5d

Whole Class Guided Reading – Teaching Guide

- The text is for the children to read. Give each pair a copy of the text (without questions) to read individually or as a whole class. This text has been aimed at Year 1 Secure (Wales)/Primary 2 (Scotland)/Kindergarten (Australia).
- The teacher should use the teacher version. It shows you where to pause after each section and provides questions for you to ask. The colours refer to our levels so that you can direct specific questions at specific students in terms of difficulty (their version does not have these colours to show them which is which). The questions are also numbered in the order they appear on the comprehension sheet.
 - Beginner – (Red)
 - Easy – (Blue)
 - Tricky – (Orange)
 - Expert – (Green)
- The children can record their answers to the questions at the end of the shared read/discussion or in a different session by using the comprehension sheet. The questions have been re-grouped into abilities so that you can assign sections to specific children.
 - Section A – Beginner
 - Section B – Easy
 - Section C – Tricky
 - Section D – Expert