

Podcast 29 Worksheet

Wembley

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Pre-Listening (Background information)

Bolton, West Ham, Manchester United and Chelsea are all teams in the English Premier League.

Pele is a Brazilian superstar footballer.

A. Main idea

Listen to the report and decide if the statements below are **true** or **false**.

1. T / F No competition in the world is older than the FA Cup.

2. T / F Damian thinks that the Millenium Dome in Cardiff is a great stadium.

3. T / F Wembley only hosted the FA Cup finals.

4. T / F Damian feels that the high cost of the stadium is because of the building company delays.

5. T / F This year’s FA Cup Final is the first game to be played at Wembley.

B. Listening - numbers

Listen to the report and fill in the chart below with the appropriate information.

Numbers	Reason
Podcast 10	<i>Damon’s report on the FA Cup</i>
Past 6 years	
200.000	
2001	<i>Wembley was demolished</i>
1966	
90.000	
£798	

C. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the chart below with the appropriate word.

1. This Saturday Chelsea play Manchester United in the _____ end of season FA Cup Final.
2. ... the Cup has lost some of its _____ as teams focus more on the ...
3. ... is different and not just because the final _____ the two top teams in the country ...
4. people saw Bolton beat West Ham under its _____ twin towers. The stadium ...
5. and was designed by the world-renowned _____, Lord Foster who
6. which may be due to the _____ arch that looms over the stadium
7. ... be the first time that the world will see it in its new-found _____.
8. ... United serve up some exciting fare to set the _____ at the new ...

ANSWERS

A. Main idea

Listen to the report and decide if the statements below are **true** or **false**.

1. **T / F** No competition in the world is older than the FA Cup.
The oldest competition in the world
2. **T / F** Damian thinks that the Millenium Dome in Cardiff is a great stadium.
impressive
3. **T / F** Wembley only hosted the FA Cup finals.
domestic finals, play-off games and all England’s home internationals
4. **T / F** Damian feels that the high cost of the stadium is because of the building company delays.
it took so long in completing the project.
5. **T / F** This year’s FA Cup Final is the first game to be played at Wembley.
Though this Saturday’s FA Cup final is not the first game

B. Listening - numbers

Listen to the report and fill in the chart below with the appropriate information.

Numbers	Reason
Podcast 10	Damon’s report on the FA Cup
Past 6 years	Games played in Cardiff
200.000	Attendance of the first FA Cup Final
2001	Wembley was demolished
1966	England won the World Cup
90.000	The current attendance
£798	The cost of the stadium

C. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the chart below with the appropriate word.

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| 1. traditional | 2. Glamour |
| 3. features | 4. Iconic |
| 5. architect | 6. Spectacular |
| 7. glory | 8. tone |

Transcript

This Saturday Chelsea play Manchester United in the traditional end of season FA Cup Final. Though it may be the oldest competition in the world, as Damon mentioned in his report in January's podcast 10, the Cup has lost some of its glamour as teams focus more on the Champions League. This season is different and not just because the final features the two top teams in the country but the fact that the game takes place at Wembley Stadium. For the past 6 years the finals have been played at the impressive Millenium Dome in Cardiff but finally the game has returned to the home of football or what Pele calls 'The Church of Football'.

The first game at Wembley was the 1923 FA Cup Final where an estimated 200.000 people saw Bolton beat West Ham under its iconic twin towers. The stadium played host to all of the finals until its demolition in 2001 as well as other domestic finals, play-off games and of course all England's home internationals. Indeed the only time that England won the World Cup was at Wembley in 1966.

Now, the new stadium can hold 90.000 people and was designed by the world-renowned architect, Lord Foster who was also responsible for designing Hong Kong's international airport and The Millenium Bridge in London among many, many others. The stadium is the most expensive ever built at a cost of £798 million, which may be due to the spectacular arch that looms over the stadium but more than likely is down to the fact that the company responsible for building it took so long in completing the project.

Though this Saturday's FA Cup final is not the first game to be played at the new Wembley it is certainly the biggest game there yet and will be the first time that the world will see it in its new-found glory. Let's hope that Chelsea and Manchester United serve up some exciting fare to set the tone at the new Wembley.