

Podcast 27 Worksheet

African Cup of Nations

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Pre-Listening (Background information)

This report is a review of the African Cup of Nations that took place in Ghana and reports until the semi final stage.

Pre-listening task 1

Match the players on the left with their countries on the right. Listen to the report to confirm your answers.

A	Manucho	1	Ghana
B	Stephane M'bia	2	Angola
C	Samuel Eto'o	3	Ivory Coast
D	Didier Drogba	4	Cameroon
E	Amr Zaki	5	Cameroon
F	Michael Essien	6	Egypt

Pre-listening task 2

Here are the 8 quarter-finalist countries. Which teams played each other? What were the scores? Listen to the report to confirm your answer.

Angola, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Tunisia

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A. Listening – Main point

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

The radio reports	
Positive aspects of the tournament	
Teams from North Africa	

B. Listening – main idea

Listen to the whole report and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.

1. T / F Ghana has been an ideal place to hold the tournament.

2. T / F The controversy over players leaving their clubs to play for their country is still a problem.

3. T / F There have been only a few 0-0 draws.

4. T / F Not many people were surprised when Senegal and Mali were knocked out.

5. T / F The Nigerian boss may be facing the sack soon.

6. T / F Damian thinks that Ghana will win the competition.

C. Gap fill

Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

1. ‘... the languagecaster team looks back at the _____ success of...’

2. ‘... goals and new stars _____, the controversy surrounding the cup...’

3. ‘... pre-tournament favourites Nigeria were _____ throughout and returned home...’

4. ‘... knock out stages for the first time and _____ / _____ one of the stars of the tournament...’

5. ‘Other star _____ so far include Ivory Coast’s ...’

ANSWERS

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Egypt	Angola	2-1

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The radio reports	<p>There were four of them</p> <p>a) Ghana - Nigeria</p> <p>b) Cameroon - Tunisia</p> <p>c) Egypt - Angola</p> <p>d) Ivory Coast vs Guinea</p>
Positive aspects of the tournament	<p>a) excellent hosts</p> <p>b) large crowds watching the games</p> <p>c) teams playing attacking football</p> <p>d) lots of wonderful goals</p> <p>e) new stars emerging</p>
Teams from North Africa	<p>few would have predicted the North African sides, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt being among the top scorers. These three teams scored 20 goals in total with only Morocco not making it to the later stages.</p>

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3. T / F There have been only a few 0-0 draws.
with only two scoreless draws taking place
4. T / F Not many people were surprised when Senegal and Mali were knocked out.
Two other teams that were expected to make the knock-outs but failed were Senegal and Mali,
5. T / F The Nigerian boss may be facing the sack soon.
Their coach Bertie Vogts will be looking for a new job soon I feel!
6. T / F Damian thinks that Ghana will win the competition.
I am sticking with my original prediction and going for an Ivory Coast victory.

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Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

1. '... the languagecaster team looks back at the unqualified success of...'
excellent, without problems
2. '... goals and new stars emerging, the controversy surrounding the cup...'
appearing
3. '... pre-tournament favourites Nigeria were flops throughout and returned home...'
disappointing, poor
4. '... knock out stages for the first time and threw / up one of the stars of the tournament...'
made appear, to emerge
5. 'Other star performances so far include Ivory Coast's ...'
good play from players

Transcript

The African Cup of Nations has reached the semi final stage and the languagecaster team looks back at the unqualified success of the tournament so far.

With Ghana proving to be excellent hosts, large crowds watching the games, teams playing attacking football, lots of wonderful goals and new stars emerging the controversy surrounding the club versus country issue before the competition had even started has become a distant memory.

70 goals were scored in the group stages with only two scoreless draws taking place as teams attempted to qualify in positive style and few would have predicted the North African sides, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt being among the top scorers. These three teams scored 20 goals in total with only Morocco not making it to the later stages. Two other teams that were expected to make the knock-outs but failed were Senegal and Mali, who were many people's dark horses. While pre-tournament favourites Nigeria were poor throughout and returned home after losing to their great rivals Ghana in the quarter finals. Their coach Bertie Vogts will be looking for a new job soon I feel!

The other quarter finals saw Ivory Coast thrash Guinea 5-0, Cameroon beat Tunisia 3-2 after extra time and holders Egypt hold off a spirited Angolan team 2-1. The Angolans were playing in the knock out stages for the first time and threw up one of the stars of the tournament in Manucho who has been signed by Manchester United. Other star performances so far include Ivory Coast's Drogba, Kalou and Keita, Ghana's Michael Essien and Julius Agogo, Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o and Stephane M'bia, as well as Egypt's Amr Zaki and Zidan who all hope to be playing in Sunday's final. I am sticking with my original prediction and going for an Ivory Coast victory.