

Podcast 3 - 2008-9 Worksheet

The Champions League Group Draw

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Pre-Listening

Background Information

On the 29th of August, the draw was held to decide the group stages of the Champions League. 32 teams were involved in the draw including Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal from the Premier League, and Real Madrid, Internazionale, Bayern Munich and other favourites for the title.

Vocabulary

Check the meaning of these words before you start listening. Match them with the meaning on the right.

Word	Meaning
_____ to progress	a. difficult
_____ a teaser	b. believe you are capable, that you can achieve
_____ to fancy your chances	c. something to make you think
_____ straightforward	d. to recover, to get back
_____ almighty	e. easy, simple
_____ tricky	f. huge, very big

Listening

A. Detail I

Listen and find the **six** mistakes - the first has been done for you.

Here's an ^{early} easy season teaser for you. What do Romania's CFR Cluj Napoca, Cypriot club Anorthosis Famagusta, Swiss team FC Basle, Denmark's AAB Aalborg and BATE Borisov of Belarus all wear in common? Well, along with 27 other sides they are all competing in the group stages of the 2008-2009 Champions League. While good to see some new teams taking part, it will be an almighty shock if any of those mentioned get out to the knock-out stage never mind win the title.

Generally the top teams have many problems in progressing to the last 16 and this year it should be no different. Or will it?

Holders Manchester United face a simple group as they have been drawn with Celtic from Scotland and Spanish side Villarreal who reached the semi finals in 2006. Indeed, the last time these two sides were drawn together Manchester United were knocked out. How about last year's runners-up Chelsea?

B. Detail II

Listen and fill in the blank spaces.

Well, they will _____ their chances as they have Roma, Bordeaux and Romanian side Cluj Napoca. London _____ Arsenal will also hope to progress, though they will have to _____ hard away from home - at Fenerbahce, Porto and Dynamo Kiev.

2005 winners Liverpool play Marseilles, Dutch champions PSV and Fernando Torres' _____ side Atletico Madrid who are back in the Champions League for the first time in more than a decade. Barcelona should _____ little difficulty in beating the likes of Shaktar Donetsk, FC Basle and Sporting Lisbon but their Spanish rivals Real Madrid are in the _____ group of them all as they have to play UEFA Cup winners Zenit St Petersburg and Italian powerhouse, Juventus. What of the other _____ teams? Well, it should be fairly _____ for Jose Mourinho's Inter Milan as they play Greek team Panathinaikos, little Famagusta from Cyprus and Werder Bremen while Bayern Munich have a trickier task in Romania's Steau Bucharest, Fiorentina and French Champions Lyon.

It is almost impossible to _____ a winner at this stage but I can safely say it won't be one of the five _____ mentioned at the start of the report.

C. Main idea

What does the speaker think of the new teams' chances? Write a short summary.

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It is almost impossible to **predict** a winner at this stage but I can safely say it won't be one of the five **underdogs** mentioned at the start of the report.

C. Main idea

What does the speaker think of the new teams' chances? Write a short summary.

For example:

The speaker believes that the underdogs, the new teams this year, do not have a good chance of winning. He believes they will struggle to get through to the last 16

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