

Pre-Listening

1. General

1. Manchester is a city in the north west of England. Which Premier League team is NOT from the northwest?

- a. Tottenham b. Manchester City c. Everton d. Bolton

2. What colour do Manchester City play in?

2. Match each word with its meaning

1. famous (adj)

a. ___ love

2. mention (v)

b. ___ well known / popular

3. involved (adj)

c. ___ say

4. atmosphere (n)

d. ___ feeling (in the air)

5. adore(v)

e. ___ be connected to

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1. When did Dave become interested in Manchester City?
2. What does Dave say is a big difference between Manchester City and Manchester United?
3. Fans, of course, like the players in their team, but what else do they become involved with?
4. When Dave started to follow Manchester City did he stand or sit at the matches?
5. According to Dave, Manchester City fans often criticized their team. What did Manchester United fans think of their players?
6. Does Dave think Manchester United have a great team?
7. Does he like Manchester United?

Key Phrase

“Have a laugh” – have fun (usually with friends)

Answers

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1 a 2 (sky) blue

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1 – b

2 – c

3 – d

4 – e

5 – a

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1. When he was about 10 or 11
2. Manchester United are far more successful
3. The atmosphere of the club
4. He stood
5. They adored their players
6. Yes, he does
7. No, he doesn't

Podcast 2

Fan's view – Manchester City (Transcript)

By Dave Barnard (November 9th, 2006)

Why Manchester City? That's a very good question. I know that in Japan and in many other countries most people know or have heard about Manchester United of course – a very famous team. However, you may be interested to know that there is another team in Manchester and the team is called Manchester City.

The main difference between United and City - apart from the fact that United are far more famous and successful - is that City wear sky blue, sky blue shirts and white shorts. I mention that because when I was a kid, when I was about maybe 10 or 11 years old that's the main reason why I chose to support Man City, as opposed to Man Utd. Or at least one of them. And the other main reason was not so much the team but the supporters of the club.

For a lot of football fans in England it's not only the actual team and the players who are on the pitch that you support but you also become involved in the atmosphere of a club and it used to be when the stands were all standing - that means no sitting, you could go there and have a really, really good time, not so much watching the game but having a laugh, listening to some of the other fans and the comments that they made.

The main difference between United and City was that at United all the fans just completely adored the team at the time, which as I remember was Bobby Charlton, George Best, Denis Law. On the other hand, City, which had a very good team at that time, whenever they lost the crowd used to really criticise them and attack them and so on. For me as a young boy of 10 or 11 I just found that rather more interesting to be critical of the team rather than just showing adulation all the time.

And I think even now there is ... that is a big difference maybe between the fans of City and United and that's why that it's very difficult for a City fan to switch over to supporting United. That may be similar in ...with other cities which have two teams, like Liverpool and Everton maybe, or even in ...with the London teams, Arsenal – Spurs, Chelsea – Fulham, and so on. But really that is the main reason why, even though I do agree that United have a great team at the moment and play great football, I still hate them. It's mostly because of the fans.