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2013-14 Premier League New Sides

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This week's main listening report takes a look at the three new teams in the 2013-14 [Premier League](#) season. Listen to the report by clicking [here](#) and answer the worksheet's questions below. There are also answers and a transcript, as well as vocabulary support at the end of this worksheet.

A. Main Idea – Note taking

Listen to the report and take notes under the following headings.

	Cardiff City	Hull City	Crystal Palace
Location			
Strip			
Nickname			
Rivals			
Stadium			

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B. Listening - Vocabulary

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

Introduction

The three teams coming up this season will all be hoping to stay up and (a) _____ the first season, and then hope they can build on that and become a fixture in the Premier League. Languagecaster takes a look at some basic facts about these hopefuls.

Cardiff City

Location: The south of Wales. While Wales has a separate football association, Welsh teams are (b) _____ to take part in the English league system, and Cardiff will be joining fellow Welsh side Swansea in the 'English' game's top tier.

Strip: Red shirt, black shorts and red socks. (c) _____, Cardiff City's new Malaysian owners changed the team's kit from the traditional blue to red last season, as they considered red to be a 'lucky colour'. The fans weren't impressed, but because they have won promotion in the new red kit, (d) _____ has quietened down.

Nickname: The Bluebirds - after their (e) _____ blue kit.

Rivals: Swansea City located 60 km west up the coast are Cardiff's biggest rivals. Expect an (f) _____ atmosphere when these teams meet.

Stadium: Cardiff City Stadium: newly built in 2009, the ground holds 26,800.

Hull City

Location: The east of Yorkshire. Hull City are (g) _____ from other Premier League sides. The power bases of London and the North West both have several teams, and the North East and the Midlands also have neighbouring teams. The nearest team to Hull are Manchester City, 125 km away as the crow flies.

Strip: Amber and black (h) _____ striped shirt, black shorts and black socks.

Nickname: The Tigers - after their striped kit.

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Rivals: Hull City consider their Yorkshire neighbours Leeds United to be their biggest rivals, and staying in Yorkshire, Sheffield United are a team Hull always want to beat.

Stadium: The K. C. Stadium: Built in 2002 and shared with a rugby league side, the K.C.

(i) _____ 25,500.

Crystal Palace

Location: South London. The team originally played and took their name from the Crystal Palace, a (j) _____ glass and iron building built for the 1851 Great Exhibition. A picture of the building remains on the club's crest.

Strip: Red and blue halved shirt, blue shorts and blue socks. At the start of their history, Crystal Palace based their kit on Aston Villa's claret and blue stripes, and in the 1970s they looked to another club for (k) _____ - Barcelona.

Nickname: The Glaziers - after the glass building, the Crystal Palace, and more recently, the Eagles (a previous manager, Malcolm Allison, was inspired by Portuguese side Benfica, also known as the Eagles).

Rivals: Their biggest rivalry is called the M23 derby with Brighton and Hove Albion, who are based on the south coast of England. The M23 is a (l) _____ running between south London and the south coast. To gain promotion last season, Palace knocked out Brighton in a two-leg play off 2-0.

Stadium: Selhurst Park: holds 26,300.

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ANSWERS – 2013-14 Premier League New Sides

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	Cardiff City	Hull City	Crystal Palace
Location	South of Wales	East of Yorkshire (North-east England)	South London
Strip	Red Shirts Black shorts Red Socks	Amber and black vertical stripes Black shorts Black socks	Red and Blue halved shirts Blue shorts Blue socks
Nickname	The Bluebirds	The Tigers	The Glaziers / The Eagles
Rivals	Swansea City	Leeds United Sheffield United	Brighton (M23 Derby)
Stadium	Cardiff City Stadium (26,800)	KC Stadium (25,500) Share with rugby league side	Selhurst Park (26,300)

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Cardiff City

Location: The south of Wales. While Wales has a separate football association, Welsh teams are **allowed** to take part in the English league system, and Cardiff will be joining fellow Welsh side Swansea in the 'English' game's top tier.

Strip: Red shirt, black shorts and red socks. **Controversially**, Cardiff City's new Malaysian owners changed the team's kit from the traditional blue to red last season, as they considered red to be a 'lucky colour'. The fans weren't impressed, but because they have won promotion in the new red kit, **criticism** has quietened down.

Nickname: The Bluebirds - after their **previous** blue kit.

Rivals: Swansea City located 60 km west up the coast are Cardiff's biggest rivals. Expect an **explosive** atmosphere when these teams meet.

Stadium: Cardiff City Stadium: newly built in 2009, the ground holds 26,800.

Hull City

Location: The east of Yorkshire. Hull City are **isolated** from other Premier League sides. The power bases of London and the North West both have several teams, and the North East and the Midlands also have neighbouring teams. The nearest team to Hull are Manchester City, 125 km away as the crow flies.

Strip: Amber and black **vertical** striped shirt, black shorts and black socks.

Nickname: The Tigers - after their striped kit.

Rivals: Hull City consider their Yorkshire neighbours Leeds United to be their biggest rivals, and staying in Yorkshire, Sheffield United are a team Hull always want to beat.

Stadium: The K. C. Stadium: Built in 2002 and shared with a rugby league side, the K.C. **holds** 25,500.

Crystal Palace

Location: South London. The team originally played and took their name from the Crystal Palace, a **massive** glass and iron building built for the 1851 Great Exhibition. A picture of the building remains on the club's crest.

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Stadium: Selhurst Park: holds 26,300.

Vocabulary

- **(to) come up:** be promoted; gain promotion; move up a division
- **fixture:** a permanent presence; a [team](#) that stays in the league; a mid-table side (also, a game, a match)
- **tier:** level; division; rank
- **explosive:** potentially violent; loud; dangerous
- **as the crow flies:** an idiom that means drawing a straight line between two places; directly from A to B
- **glazier:** glass maker; glass fitter

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