

English Through Football Podcast: Worksheet

2023 FIFA Club World Cup

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This football language worksheet uses some of the language from our podcast on the 2023 Club World Cup that recently took place in Saudi Arabia to practice listening.

Listening Activities

Note-taking
Gap fill

Language Focus

Nationalities
Vocabulary building

- In addition to this worksheet there is also a transcript for you to use to help improve your English by reading as you listen.
- If you are a teacher of English you can use the transcript to make your own activities for your learners (Maybe you can share some examples?)
- Don't forget that you can also check out our glossary of footballing phrases [here](#) and visit our site to access all our previous posts and podcasts.
- If you have questions or comments, email us at: admin@languagecaster.com

A. Before you listen

Before you listen to the report on the 2023 FIFA Club World Cup here are some exercises to help you prepare.

A1. Nationalities

Complete the table with the correct form - the first one is done as an example for you.

	Country	Nationality
1	England	English
2	Saudi Arabia	
3	New Zealand	
4	Brazil	
5	Mexico	
6	Egypt	
7	Japan	

A2. 2023 FIFA Club World Cup: Questions

How much do you know about the 2023 FIFA Club World Cup? Answer the questions below.

1. How many teams took part in this year's competition?
2. Which team won the tournament last year (in 2022)?
3. This year the competition takes place in Saudi Arabia - where did it take place (where was it held) last year (2022)?
4. There will be a new format in 2025 - how many teams will participate in this new format?

A3. Vocabulary

Here are some of the words and phrases that you will hear in the report.

- **Format:** Version; a way of doing something
- **Confederation:** These are the organisers of football in different regions around the world. There are six different ones.
- **Host:** This can be a verb - to host a competition for example - or a noun: the hosts Al-Ittihad played Auckland FC from New Zealand in the opening match
- **Represent/Representative:** To participate in a competition on behalf of someone or something (e.g. a football Confederation). So, Manchester City are representing the European region (UEFA) - they are the European representatives at the tournament.
- **To be outplayed:** To be completely dominated by the opposition.
- **To set up a final:** This means to produce the two teams for the final. So for example, the two teams won their semi-finals **to set up a final** which means that these two sides will meet in the final.

A4. FIFA Confederations

There are 6 different FIFA Confederations - match their official name (1-6) with the region (A-F).

	Confederation		Region	Your Answer
1	CAF	A	South America	
2	OFC	B	Europe	
3	UEFA	C	Oceania	
4	CONMEBOL	D	North and Central America	
5	CONCACAF	E	Asia	
6	AFC	F	Africa	

B1. Listening (General)

Listen to the whole of the report and take notes. Check your notes with a colleague and try and re-tell the report in your own words.

B2. Listening: Note-taking

Listen to the first part of the report (the background) and take notes. Use your notes to complete the table below.

	Notes
Current version of the tournament	•
New Version of the tournament	•

B3. Listening for detail

Listen to the next part of the report (2023 FIFA Club Matches) and complete the scores below.

First Round (Play-off)

1. Al-Ittihad v Auckland FC

Second Round

2. Al Ahly v _____

3. Urawa Red Diamonds v Leon

Semi-final

4. Manchester City v _____

5. Fluminense v _____

Final

6. _____ v _____

B4. Listening for detail: Vocabulary

Listen to the final section (2023 FIFA Club World Cup Final) and complete the gaps with the word you hear (make sure you write the correct form of the word).

1. The final was played between the champions of South America and Europe, that's Fluminense and Manchester City, and since both sides won their first ever _____ title last season, whoever wins will collect their _____ world title.
2. City scored in the first minute through Argentinian striker Alvarez - he _____ the ball into the net...
3. City's _____ continued in the second half with Phil Foden scoring the third and Alvarez scored his second in the 88th minute.
4. This was a _____ victory for City who become the fourth English club to win this trophy, while they also became the first English side to win five trophies in the same season...

C1. Reflection and Discussion

How well do you think you could understand this short listening. Think about some of the following questions:

1. Could you explain the main points to your classmates/friends?
2. Could you write a short summary of the report in your own words?
3. What do you think of the new version of the 2023 FIFA Club World Cup? What are some of the advantages/disadvantages of holding this kind of tournament every four years?

Answers

A1. Nationalities

Complete the table with the correct form - the first one is done as an example for you.

Country	Nationality
England	English
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian / Saudi
New Zealand	New Zealander / New Zealand
Brazil	Brazilian
Mexico	Mexican
Egypt	Egyptian
Japan	Japanese

A2. FIFA Confederations

There are 6 different FIFA Confederations - match their official name (1-6) with the region (A-F).

	Confederation		Region
1	CAF	F	Africa
2	OFC	C	Oceania
3	UEFA	B	Europe
4	CONMEBOL	A	South America
5	CONCACAF	D	North and Central America
6	AFC	E	Asia

A2. 2023 FIFA Club World Cup: Questions

How much do you know about the 2023 FIFA Club World Cup? Answer the questions below.

1. How many teams take part in the annual competition?

Answer: Seven teams have taken part in this year's competition

2. Which team won the tournament last year (in 2022)?

Answer: That was Real Madrid

3. This year the competition takes place in Saudi Arabia - where did it take place (where was it held) last year (2022)?

Answer: It took place in Morocco last year.

4. There will be a new format in 2025 - how many teams will participate in this new format?

Answer: The new FIFA-run tournament will have 32 teams participating from 2025.

B2. Listening: Note-taking

Listen to the first part of the report (the background) and take notes. Use your notes to complete the table below.

	Notes
Current version of the tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 20th FIFA Club World Cup• Saudi Arabia (Jeddah)• Seven teams / Six different confederations• Two stadiums in Jeddah• Final time this version• holders (Real Madrid)
New Version of the tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starts in 2025• 32 sides will take part• Summers• Every four years• USA will host first one

B3. Listening for detail

Listen to the next part of the report (2023 FIFA Club Matches) and complete the scores below.

First Round (Play-off)

1. Al-Ittihad v Auckland FC **[3-0]**

Second Round

2. Al Ahly v **Al-Ittihad** **[3-1]**

3. Urawa Red Diamonds v Leon **[1-0]**

Semi-final

4. Manchester City v **Urawa Red Diamonds** **[3-0]**

5. Fluminense v **[2-0]**

Final

6. **Manchester City v Fluminense** **[4-0]**

B4. Listening for detail: Vocabulary

Listen to the final section (2023 FIFA Club World Cup Final) and complete the gaps with the word you hear (make sure you write the correct form of the word).

1. The final was played between the champions of South America and Europe, that's Fluminense and Manchester City, and since both sides won their first ever **continental** title last season, whoever wins will collect their **inaugural** world title.
2. City scored in the first minute through Argentinian striker Alvarez - he **chested** the ball into the net...
3. City's **dominance** continued in the second half with Phil Foden scoring the third and Alvarez scored his second in the 88th minute.
4. This was a **comprehensive** victory for City who become the fourth English club to win this trophy, while they also became the first English side to win five trophies in the same season...

Transcript

Background

Now, the 20th FIFA Club World Cup kicked off in Saudi Arabia last week with games involving seven teams from seven different countries but from six different **confederations**. And these games took place in two stadiums (or stadia) in Jeddah which is the second city in Saudi Arabia. There will be a new format from 2025 in which 32 sides will take part in a summer tournament every four years - the first tournament will be held in the USA. The **holders** of the trophy are Real Madrid who won in Morocco last year against Al-Hilal but of course they cannot defend their trophy as they did not win the Champions League this season - Manchester City defeated Inter 1-0 and so are representing Europe. The other five confederation winners are: The AFC champions are Urawa Reds from Japan; the CAF winners from Africa are Egyptian side Al Ahly; Club Leon from Mexico **represented** the CONCACAF region; Brazilian side Fluminense **represent** CONMEBOL; the OFC team was Auckland City FC from New Zealand, while Al Ittihad FC from Saudi Arabia qualified as champions of the host nation.

2023 FIFA Club World Cup: Matches

Now, this year's FIFA Club World Cup tournament in Saudi Arabia had seven different teams trying to win the title - remember that this involves the six **confederation** winners plus the champions of the **host** country. The first round play-off game saw the **hosts** Al-Ittihad easily defeat the Oceania **representatives** from New Zealand, Auckland FC, by three goals to nil **to set up** a second round match against Al Ahly from Egypt - of course **representing** the African Federation CAF, with the Egyptian side winning 3-1. In the other second round match the Asian champions Urawa Red Diamonds beat Mexican side Leon 1-0 to qualify for the semi-final against Manchester City. There the Japanese side **were easily outplayed** by the European champions and ended up losing 3-0. In the other semi-final, Brazilian side Fluminense, who recently won their first ever Libertadores Cup, beat Al Ahly 2-0 **to set up** a European-South American final.

2023 FIFA Club World Cup: Final

The final was played between the champions of South America and Europe, that's Fluminense and Manchester City and since both sides won their first ever continental title last season, whoever wins will collect their inaugural world title. City scored in the first minute through Argentinian striker Alvarez - he chested the ball into the net - before an **own goal** from Mota Filho made it 2-0 to the European side. City's dominance continued in the second half with Phil Foden scoring the third and Alvarez scored his second in the 88th minute. This was a comprehensive victory for City who become the fourth English club to win this trophy, while they also became the first English side to win five trophies in the same season - a remarkable feat indeed.

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