

Learn English through Football Worksheet: The Manchester Derby in Numbers

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On today's listening report we look one of the biggest - and fiercest - derbies in football by looking at some of the numbers and the history behind the Manchester derby. You can listen to the podcast by clicking on the file below - you can also subscribe and listen to all our [football-language podcasts](#) - there are hundreds! If you'd like the transcript to the show please show your support by becoming a patron ([through Patreon](#)). With this transcript you can improve your English by reading as you listen, or if you are a teacher of English you can use the transcript to make several activities for your learners. If you have questions or comments, email us at: admin@languagecaster.com (Damian=DF).

Pre-Task

With your colleague(s) discuss the questions below

1. What do you know about the Manchester derby?
2. Which of the two Manchester sides do you think has won more domestic league titles? How about international titles such as the Champions League?
3. Can you think of some adjectives to describe the Manchester derby?
4. Another topic connected to the Manchester derby?

Task 2: Vocabulary

Look at the list of vocabulary on the left and write down the meanings on the right. Check with colleagues/dictionary with those you do not know.

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Friendly	
Trophy cabinet	

Task 3: Main idea - Note taking

Listen to the whole report about the Manchester derby and take notes under each of the headings.

Founded	
First Manchester Derby	
The Grounds	
Trophies	

Task 4: Listening for detail

Listen to the final part of the report and complete the sentences below with an appropriate word(s).

Both clubs have a huge history of winning trophies but currently (March 2020), United's **trophy cabinet** is slightly fuller. The [Red Devils](#) have won the league title on a record _____ - the first being in _____ - while City have won it _____. As for the FA Cup, United have won the competition on _____ compared to _____ for City, while in the [League Cup](#) Manchester City have just won their _____ and United have won _____. As for international football, Manchester City have only won one title - the Cup Winners Cup (in _____), whereas United have also won that trophy as well as a **Europa League** title and _____ European Cups/Champions Leagues.

ANSWERS

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Word/Phrase	Definition
To be founded	This refers to when something such as an institution or a club started
Capacity	This is the amount or number of people who can fit into a stadium
Friendly	A non-competitive fixture or match between two sides
Trophy cabinet	The place where clubs show off their history of winning championships, cups and other honours.

Task 3: Main idea - Note taking

Listen to the whole report about the Manchester derby and take notes under each of the headings.

Founded	Both Manchester clubs were founded in the late 19th century though under different names. United were founded in 1878 and back then they were known as Newton Heath; changing their name to Manchester United in 1902. City were originally known as St Mark's and they first appeared in 1880 and they didn't become known as Manchester City until 1894.
First Manchester Derby	The first time the two clubs played was in a friendly in 1881 and the first official meeting was in the 1894-95 season when Newton Heath defeated Manchester City 5-2, while the first time they faced each other in the top flight was in 1906 when Manchester City won 3-0. Since then they have played each other competitively over 180 times (February 2020) with United being the more successful side.
The Grounds	Currently United play at Old Trafford which has a capacity of 74,879 which is the biggest for a club in England. United have been at their ground since 1910 and is sometimes known as the 'Theatre of Dreams'. Manchester City's home ground is known as the City of Manchester Stadium and the club moved there in 2003. Before then, they played at Maine Road which had a capacity of 35,150 (in their final season) which was almost 20,000 lower than the current limit of 55,097.

Trophies	Both clubs have a huge history of winning trophies but currently (March 2020), United's trophy cabinet is slightly fuller. The Red Devils have won the league title on a record 20 occasions - the first being in 1908 - while City have won it 6 times. As for the FA Cup, United have won the competition on 12 occasions compared to 6 wins for City, while in the League Cup Manchester City have just won their 7th title and United have won 5. As for international football, Manchester City have only won one title - the Cup Winners Cup (in 1971), whereas United have also won that trophy as well as a Europa League title and three
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TRANSCRIPT

Introduction

DF: Hello everybody, my name is Damian and I am one half of the languagecaster team and you're listening to the [Learn English Through Football Podcast](#). On this extra listening podcast we take a look at one of the biggest **derbies** in football - the Manchester derby between Manchester United and Manchester City and in particular we feature some of the key moments and numbers from their respective histories.

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Worksheet

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