

Featured Club – Tottenham Hotspur

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Tottenham Hotspur is enjoying a fantastic season in the Premier League. These materials will teach you all about the club and...

Aims

In this article, you will:

- learn some new vocabulary
- practise listening or reading
- learn some interesting information about Tottenham Hotspur Football Club



Tottenham Hotspur Training Ground – Action Images: Andrew Couldridge

Matching game

Match the words with the descriptions.

1. founded	2. inn	3. spanning	4. iconic
5. curve	6. virtually	7. jumbotron	8. memorabilia

- famous for being connected to something or a particular time
- a massive TV
- a bent line
- a little hotel
- almost, nearly
- collectable objects related to famous events, people or organisations (like football clubs)
- when a business or organisation is created or started
- happening for a number of years or period of time

Watch the video

If you have access to the internet, now watch the Premier League's video guide to Tottenham Hotspur. If you don't have access to the internet, you can read the transcript.

Featured Club – Tottenham Hotspur**Transcript:**

Hi there. I'm John Dykes. Welcome to the Premier League's video guide to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. Here we'll take you behind the scenes at White Hart Lane, we'll give you a glimpse of the match day experience and also point you towards other things to see and do in and around the club.

Hotspur FC was founded in 1882 and renamed Tottenham Hotspur two years later. In 1889, their historic ground was established at White Hart Lane, Named after the local inn, the White Hart. With a colourful history spanning over 120 years, numerous classic matches have been played here and many of the world's most prolific players have graced this iconic pitch.

The stadium itself is located in the heart of Tottenham, north London. With good rail links and an extensive bus service, it's very accessible and just a short trip into central London. Nicknamed the lane, the stadium is square, reflecting the grid like nature of the surrounding streets. On the inside, however, the stands curve, optimising the grounds capacity which today stands at just over 36,000.

25 In recent years, the lane has virtually been rebuilt, making it one of the best venues in the country. Both ends have huge jumbotrons video screens built into the roof, which are unique features. It's also totally enclosed which really adds to the overall look and can make for a great atmosphere.

30 Of course the club shop is a popular destination for all visitors offering every variety of official merchandise. Tours of the lane are available throughout the year and give visitors a memorable experience.

35 Tottenham are proud to show off their trophies and memorabilia. The famous west stand, the players tunnel, dressing rooms as well as the dugouts pitch side. Tours can be requested via the club's website.

40 Since 1909 every match, has been looked down upon by the mascot, the bronze fighting cockerel. Today the statue continues to keep a proud eye on proceedings from the roof of the west stand.

Comprehension Task – True or false

Read the statements and decide if the answers are true or false.

1. Tottenham Hotspur used to have a different name.
2. Tottenham Hotspur's ground is named after a famous house that stood on the site before the stadium was built.
3. White Hart lane is a round stadium.
4. White Hart Lane was rebuilt recently.
5. There are massive TVs at both ends of the stadium.
6. Tottenham Hotspur's mascot is a fighting cockerel.

Comprehension Task – Multiple choice

Read the statements and choose the correct answer.

1. Hotspur FC was founded in...
 - a. 1880
 - b. 1882
 - c. 1889
2. The White Hart Lane stadium was named after...
 - a. The local inn
 - b. The local town
 - c. The local street
3. The club's history has spanned over....
 - a. 100 years
 - b. 120 years
 - c. 130 years
4. Tottenham is located in...
 - a. North London
 - b. South London
 - c. West London
5. The stadium has a shape which reflects the surrounding streets. That shape is...
 - a. Circle
 - b. Triangle
 - c. Square
6. Tours of White Hart Lane are available...
 - a. Once a year
 - b. Twice a year
 - c. Throughout the year
7. Tottenham are proud to show off...
 - a. Their shop
 - b. Their trophies and memorabilia
 - c. Their car park
8. The club's mascot (the bronze fighting cockerel) has watched over all of the home matches since...
 - a. 1909
 - b. 1900
 - c. 1999

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Language Task – Passives

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the passive.

1. Hotspur FC _____ (be form) in 1882.
2. The club's name _____ (be change) to Tottenham Hotspur in 1884.
3. The club's shop _____ (be visit) by fans before and after matches.
4. The club _____ (be watch over) by the club's mascot - the bronze fighting cockerel.
5. Tottenham Hotspur _____ (be nickname) Spurs or Lilywhites.
6. The stadium _____ (be locate) in the heart of Tottenham.
7. The historic ground _____ (be establish) at White Hart Lane in 1889.
8. The club _____ (be manage) by Harry Redknapp.

Language Task – Interesting adjectives

Match the adjectives from the text on the left with the descriptions on the right.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. colourful 2. numerous 3. extensive 4. central 5. unique 6. proud 7. famous | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. feeling very pleased about something you have done b. covering a large area c. interesting and unusual d. known or recognized by many people e. different from everyone and everything else f. many g. in or near the centre of a place or object |
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Word Search

Read the clues and find the words in the word search.

1. The Spurs stadium is called _____ Lane.
2. The _____ is just over 36,000.
3. Hotspur FC was _____ in 1882.
4. The club's mascot is a bronze fighting _____.
5. The manager normally sits in the _____ during matches.
6. The stadium is _____ (surrounded by walls or structures).

C	D	D	U	A	Q	A	Q	T	Y
O	K	E	D	Y	I	T	R	U	C
C	R	R	D	H	T	A	Z	O	C
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E	R	N	Y	E	U	Y	U	U	M
R	R	K	T	S	Y	O	N	D	E
E	L	I	U	K	U	I	F	H	P
L	H	C	A	P	A	C	I	T	Y
W	D	E	S	O	L	C	N	E	G
B	A	V	M	P	R	I	A	L	H

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Answers

Matching game: 1 – g, 2 – d, 3 – h, 4 – a, 5 – c, 6 – e, 7 – b, 8 – f

Comprehension Task – True or false: 1- true, 2 – false, 3 – false, 4 – false, 5 – true, 6 – true

Comprehension Task – Multiple choice: 1 – b, 2 – 3, 4 – a, 6 – c, 7 – b, 8 – a

Language Task – passives: 1 – was formed, 2 – was changed, 3 – is visited, 4 – is watched over, 5 – is/are nicknamed, 6 – is located, 7 – was established, 8 – is managed

Language Task – Adjectives: 1 – c, 2 – f, 3 – b, 4 – g, 5 – e, 6 – a, 7 – d

Word search: 1 - White Hart, 2 – Capacity, 3 – Founded, 4 – Cockerel, 5 – Dugout, 6 - Enclosed

C	D	D	U	A	Q	A	Q	T	Y
O	K	E	D	Y	I	T	R	U	C
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E	R	N	Y	E	U	Y	U	U	M
R	R	K	T	S	Y	O	N	D	E
E	L	I	U	K	U	I	F	H	P
L	H	C	A	P	A	C	I	T	Y
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