

**Featured Club – Chelsea**

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Chelsea Football Club is from west London. It has a long and successful history, particularly in the last ten years.

**Aims**

In this article, you will:

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



Chelsea celebrating - Action Images: Carl Recine Livepic

**Matching game**

Match the words with the descriptions.

1. takeover	2. a decade	3. top tier	4. thriving
5. boutique	6. founded	7. dominant	8. state of the art

- a. a lively and successful place
- b. a small, independent clothes shop
- c. established
- d. the highest level
- e. when a person buys up a large company
- f. the most important and powerful
- g. the newest and most advanced
- h. ten years

**Watch the video**

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

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## Transcript:

Hi, I'm John Dykes. Welcome to the Premier League's video guide to Chelsea Football Club. Here we'll take you behind the scenes at the Stamford Bridge, we'll give you an insight into the match-day experience, as well as other things to see and do in and around the club.

Based in the heart of west London, stands Stamford Bridge the home of Chelsea football club.

The stadium is surrounded by the thriving cafes, restaurants and boutiques of the King's Road. Any visitor to London will tell you Chelsea really does have a lot to offer and makes for a great day out.

Excellent transport links to and from the stadium make travelling around quick and easy, with the nearest London Underground stops of Fulham Broadway and West Brompton just minutes walk away.

The Blues as they are affectionately known were founded in 1905 and have spent most of their history in the top-tier of English football. The past decade has been the most successful period in the club's history and has seen them win three

Premier League titles in six years, including most recently, the club's first Premier League and FA cup double.

The takeover by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich in 2003 has contributed to the club's status as one of the dominant forces in world football. The high standards and quality of Chelsea extend to their training ground facilities in nearby Surrey, where these world class players have state-of-the-art facilities at their disposal.

Blue is definitely the colour as you enter the Chelsea Megastore so why not express your support for the club with a purchase of anything from team shirts to teddy bears.

There's always excitement and passion in the air on a Chelsea match-day as a sea of blue descends on Stamford Bridge and over 41,000 fans pack into the stadium... and they are just waiting for you to add to their number.

If you'd like to experience the thrill of the Barclays Premier League in person, then why not visit the ticket availability section of [premierleague.com](http://premierleague.com) or visit the club's website.

## Comprehension Task – True or false

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

1. Chelsea only has a few shops and cafes.
2. The Underground is a method of transport.
3. Chelsea have spent most of their history in the top tier of English football.
4. Roman Abramovich, the club's owner, is from Poland.
5. The last decade has been the most successful for Chelsea.
6. You can buy merchandise from lots of different clubs at the Chelsea Megastore.

### Reorder the words

Put the words and phrases in the correct order to make a sentence.

1	is	West	Chelsea FC	in	London.	based
2	stadium	is	Stamford Bridge.	The	called	club's
3	nickname	The	is	club's	the Blues.	
4	in six years.	won	They	Premier League titles	three	have
5	the club	over	Roman Abramovich	in	took	2003.
6	use	Chelsea	facilities.	The	players	excellent

### Language Task – Verb 'to be'

Type the correct form of the verb 'to be' to complete the sentences.

1. The stadium \_\_\_\_ (be) surrounded by cafes, restaurants and boutiques.
2. Travelling around \_\_\_\_ (be) quick and easy.
3. The Blues \_\_\_\_ (be) formed in 1905.
4. Roman Abramovich \_\_\_\_ (be) a Russian billionaire.
5. There \_\_\_\_ (be) always excitement and passion in the air on match day.
6. Over 40,000 \_\_\_\_ (be) there on match days.
7. The fans \_\_\_\_ (be) waiting for you to add to their number.

### Word Search

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

1. The Chelsea stadium is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The club nickname is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The area around the club is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The name of the shop where you can buy Chelsea souvenirs is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ around Chelsea.
6. The club facilities are \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answers**

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

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

**Reorder words:**

1. Chelsea FC is based in West London.
2. The club's stadium is called Stamford Bridge.
3. The club's nickname is the Blues.
4. They have won three Premier League titles in six years.
5. Roman Abramovich took over the club in 2003.
6. The Chelsea players use excellent facilities.

**Language Task – passives:** 1 – is, 2 – is, 3 – were, 4 –is, 5 – is, 6 – are, 7 – are

**Word search:** 1 – Stamford Bridge, 2 – The Blues, 3 – Thriving, 4 – Chelsea Megastore, 5 – Boutiques, 6 – State of the art

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