

Featured Club – Liverpool

Liverpool

This week’s featured club is one of the most famous football clubs in the world. They are one of the most successful clubs in the history of English football and have fans on every continent.

Aims

In this article, you will:

- learn some new vocabulary
- practise listening or reading
- learn some interesting information about Liverpool football club



Liverpool - Action Images - Carl Recine

Matching game

Match the words with the descriptions.

1. insight	2. Steeped in	3. iconic	4. apparent
5. ferry	6. meteoric	7. disaster	8. anthem

- a. to have a lot of something
- b. a terrible event in which many people were hurt
- c. easy to see
- d. a special song, sung by a group of people (Liverpool fans in this case) at special times
- e. a boat that takes people from one place to another
- f. the ability to understand something well
- g. very famous and associated with a particular place or time
- h. describes a very quick rise to success

Watch the video

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

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Transcript:

Hi there I'm John Dykes. Welcome to the Premier League Video Guide to Liverpool football club. Here we'll take you behind the scenes at Anfield, we'll also give you an insight into the match day experience plus other things to see and do in and around the club.

Steeped in history, Liverpool football club is rightly regarded as one of football's most iconic and successful clubs. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the club's museum where memories have been kept alive for all Reds fans. Liverpool boast an impressive 40 major trophies since the club was founded in 1892. Under Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley they became the dominant force in England throughout the 1970s and 80s. You simply must book a visit to the museum, before the big kick off.

Located in the northwest of England, the River Mersey runs through the heart of Liverpool. Take a trip on one of the ferries across the Mersey and see such sights as the royal Liver building and the Albert Dock. The 1960s witnessed Liverpool's most famous sons' meteoric rise to fame. The Beatles museum in Liverpool is a must for all fab four fans. Their faces adorn the front of the football club shop in the recently developed mall, Liverpool One.

25 Next to the famous Shankly gates at Anfield stands the Liverpool Memorial, a tribute to those who lost their lives in the Hillsborough disaster of 1989.

Lime Street Station is situated in the heart of Liverpool and is just 2 miles from Anfield where your match day experience begins.

30 Come on Liverpool - Come on Liverpool, we want you to win!

Underneath the famous Kop stand you'll be able to purchase a range of merchandise and when you step outside, have your picture taken, next to Bill Shankly. But it's inside where the Anfield experience really comes to life along with 45,000 fellow supporters. Once there, you too can sing along to their famous anthem: 'You'll Never Walk Alone', before watching Liverpool in the Barclays Premier League.

40 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 or visit the club's website.

Comprehension Task

Read the statements and decide whether they are true or false.

1. Liverpool has won 30 major competitions since the club was founded.
2. Liverpool was the most successful English club in the 1970s and 1980s.
3. Liverpool is in the northwest of England.
4. The River Thames runs through Liverpool.
5. The famous pop group The Beatles come from Liverpool.
6. There is a statue outside Liverpool's stadium in honour of victims of the Hillsborough disaster.
7. The nearest train station to Anfield is 2 kilometres away.
8. Liverpool fans sing "Never gonna give you up" on match days.

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Liverpool in Numbers

Match the numbers with the things they refer to.

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| 1. <i>The number of major trophies Liverpool has won.</i> | a. 1989 |
| 2. <i>The year the club was founded.</i> | b. 2 |
| 3. <i>The first decade in which Bill Shankly led the club to success.</i> | c. 45,000 |
| 4. <i>The decade in which The Beatles became famous.</i> | d. 1892 |
| 5. <i>The year the Hillsborough disaster happened.</i> | e. 40 |
| 6. <i>The number of miles from Lime Street Station to Anfield.</i> | f. 1960s |
| 7. <i>The capacity of Anfield (number of fans that can watch the match).</i> | g. 1970s |

Language task: You must visit the club museum!

If you have knowledge or experience about something, you can use the word ‘must’ when giving advice. For example, John Dykes said: “You must visit the club museum”.

Match the speakers with the advice.

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| 1. “You must practise taking corners.” | a. A teacher |
| 2. “You must brush your teeth twice a day.” | b. A tour guide |
| 3. “You must do your homework.” | c. A doctor |
| 4. “You must watch this video about Steven Gerrard.” | d. A football coach |
| 5. “You must eat more fruit and vegetables.” | e. A Liverpool fan |
| 6. “You must visit the new museum of Liverpool.” | f. A dentist |

Answers

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

Comprehension Task: 1 – false, 2 – true, 3 – true, 4 – false, 5 – true, 6 – true, 7 – false, 8 – false

Liverpool in Numbers: 1 – e, 2 – d, 3 – g, 4 – f, 5 – a, 6 – b, 7 – c

Language Task- You must visit the club museum!: 1 – d, 2 – a, 3 – a, 4 – e, 5 – c, 6 – b