

## Featured Club – Manchester City

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Manchester City has a long history. For many years, the club has been in the shadow of its successful neighbour Manchester United. This season, they have thrived in the Premier League and have been contenders for the title.

#### Aims

In this article, you will:

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



Manchester City - Action Images: Henry Browne Livepic

### Matching game

Match the words with the descriptions.

1. underdog	2. elite	3. wander	4. top-of-the-range	5. power house
6. soap opera	7. densely populated	8. diverse	9. luxury	10. state-of-the-art

- the best and most expensive
- varied or different
- a television series about the lives and problems of a particular group of characters
- the team considered to be the weakest and the least likely to win
- a lot of people living close together in one place.
- very modern and new.
- to walk around slowly in a relaxed way
- a team with a lot of influence, power or energy
- the richest, most powerful, best educated or best trained group
- very comfortable and usually expensive.

### Watch the video

If you have access to the internet, now watch the Premier League's video guide to Manchester City. 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 Manchester City Football Club. Here we'll take you behind the scenes at the Etihad Stadium, we'll also give you an insight into the match day experience plus we'll tell you other things to see and do in and around the club.

The Etihad Stadium stands proudly on the eastern edge of Manchester. Holding over 47,000 fans on match day, the stadium was officially opened in 2002 as the athletics stadium for the Commonwealth Games. The football club inherited it the following year and settled into their new home having spent 80 years at Maine Road.

The stadium boasts top of the range facilities for players and fans alike. State-of-the-art treatment rooms and luxury dressing rooms welcome and relax players. While fans can wander around the club shop buying everything from key rings to club shirts. Complete with official Premier League name and number.

The development of the stadium was followed by two takeovers of the club. Now, the team once considered as underdogs can be talked about as premier league powerhouses capable of competing with the world's elite on financial and

footballing terms. Greater Manchester is densely populated. Some two and a half million people reside there. During the day, the city is filled with the latest in high-street retail and fashion, evenings bristle with activity with a wide range of bars and restaurants to choose from.

One of the world's longest running and best loved soap operas is Coronation Street. Filmed at Grenada Studios in Manchester, home to the show for more than 50 years. Located in the Salford Keys, the Lowry is open to the public and brings a diverse variety of education and entertainment in the arts. The aim is to generate interest from the general public and embrace the community in which it is situated.

A match day at the Etihad stadium is always filled with excitement and passion. Where you'll walk with a blue wave of fans heading along the Joe Mercer way and up to the ground. And come kick off time, you'll witness the Manchester City faithful in full voice, an experience like no other.

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

Read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- The club's stadium is called...
  - Maine Road
  - Etihad Stadium
  - Old Trafford
- The stadium was taken over by Manchester City in...
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
- What is the name of the long-running soap opera filmed in Manchester?
  - Coronation Lane
  - Coronation Street
  - Coronation City
- What colour do Manchester City fans usually wear on match days (at home)?
  - Black
  - Blue
  - Red
- How many fans can the Etihad stadium hold on match days?
  - 45,000
  - 46,000
  - 47,000
- What is The Lowry?
  - A restaurant
  - An Arts and entertainment venue
  - Another football stadium

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**Numbers around Manchester City**

Fill in the gaps with the correct numbers from the box.

a. 1880	b. 2003	c. 80
d. 1894	e. 47,000	f. 2,500,000

- The Etihad Stadium holds over \_\_\_\_\_ fans on match days.
- The club moved there after spending \_\_\_\_\_ years at Maine Road.
- Greater Manchester is densely populated with over \_\_\_\_\_ people residing there.
- The club was founded in \_\_\_\_\_ as St Mark's (West Gorton).
- They became known as Manchester City in \_\_\_\_\_ after changing their name from Ardwick Association Football Club.
- Manchester City moved to the Etihad Stadium in \_\_\_\_\_ after it was used for the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

**Reorder the words**

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

1	Manchester.	is	east	Etihad stadium	in	The
2	club	facilities.	has	The	top-of-the-range	
3	rooms	Luxury	the players.	welcome	dressing	
4	used	considered	to	'underdogs'.	Manchester City	be
5	considered	They are	Premier League	to be	'powerhouses'.	now
6	with	is	city	The	filled	shops.
7	of	visit.	restaurants	There are	lots	to
8	is	excitement.	day	of	Match	full

**Answers**

**Matching game:** 1-d,2-i,3-g,4-a,5-h,6-c,7-e,8-b,9-j,10-f

**Comprehension Task:** 1-b,2-c,3-b,4-b,5-c,6-b

**Numbers around Manchester City:** 1-e, 2-c,3-f,4-a,5-d,6-b

**Reorder words:** 1. The Etihad Stadium is in east Manchester. 2. The club has top-of-the-range facilities. 3. Luxury dressing rooms welcome the players. 4. Manchester City used to be considered 'underdogs'. 5. They are now considered to be Premier League 'powerhouses'. 6. The city is filled with shops. 7. There are lots of restaurants to visit. 8. Match day is full of excitement.