

Featured Club – Newcastle United

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Newcastle United is one of the most loved clubs 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 the city of Newcastle



Matching game

Match the words with the descriptions.

1. Picturesque	2. Stroll	3. Majestic	4. Dominate
5. Heritage	6. Decorate	7. Magpie	8. Passionate

- a. *Having very strong feelings or emotions*
- b. *A black and white bird.*
- c. *Features which still exist from the past and have a historical importance today.*
- d. *To walk in a slow relaxed manner, especially for pleasure.*
- e. *Attractive in appearance - usually describing a place.*
- f. *Taking up a large amount of space and easily seen.*
- g. *Beautiful and powerful.*
- h. *To give awards (e.g. trophies and cups) to a club.*

Watch the video

If you have access to the internet, now watch the Premier League’s video guide to Newcastle United. 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's video guide to Newcastle United football club. Here, we'll take you behind the scenes at St James' Park. We'll also give you an insight into the match day experience and point you towards other things to see and do in and around the club.

One of the most instantly recognisable cities in England, Newcastle is home to quite possibly the Premier League's most passionate set of fans. For Newcastle United's fans or the 'Toon Army' as they are known, supporting the Magpies is something of a religion and St James' Park is their place of worship.

Sitting majestically in the heart of the city, the stadium dominates the skyline. Just minutes from all major road and rail links, access to the ground is one of the easiest in the country.

The oldest and largest football stadium in the northeast of England, St James' can hold over fifty-two thousand fans making it the sixth largest ground in the United Kingdom.

Some great footballing names have graced the James' Park dressing room and as a result this famous old

club enjoys a rich heritage within the sport. Eighth in the all time Premier League table, United are also the eighth most decorated club in England.

Match day, however, is when the city really comes alive. You can take a pre-match stroll to the popular Quayside or walk along the picturesque Grey Street.

If you need to show your support more expressively, head to one of the many official Newcastle United club stores en route to the ground. No pre-match ritual would be complete without a trip to Shearer's bar and a pint of Newcastle Brown Ale.

It's in the stadium, however, that you really begin to discover what supporting the Magpies is all about. Newcastle United is without question, the heart and soul of this city and once you've experienced one of their matches, you'll know exactly why.

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 if the answers are true or false.

1. Newcastle is in the north west of England.
2. The club's stadium is called St James' Park.
3. The club's nickname is the Magpies.
4. The stadium can hold 60,000 fans.
5. The club is the 8th most decorated club in history.
6. Match days in the city are usually very quiet.

Correct the mistakes

Find the error in the sentences and change it in the sentence underneath.

1. Newcastle is one of the least recognisable cities in England.
2. St James' Park is in the heart of the town.
3. The stadium is hours from road and rail links.
4. The club enjoys a poor heritage.
5. The city comes alive after match day.
6. St James' Park is the newest stadium in the north east of England.

Word Search

Find the following words in the wordsearch grid.

1. The nickname given to Newcastle United supporters.
2. Newcastle is situated in _____ England.
3. The club's nickname.
4. A verb meaning to walk in a slow, relaxed way.
5. The club has a rich _____.
6. St James' Park is the oldest and _____ stadium in the north east of England.
7. St James' Park is in the heart of the _____.
8. The city comes alive on _____ day.

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Answers

Before you watch: 1 – e, 2 – d, 3 – g, 4 – f, 5 – c, 6 – h, 7 – b, 8 – a

Comprehension task: 1 – false, 2 – true, 3 – true, 4 – false, 5 – true, 6 – false

Correct the mistakes:

1. Answer - Newcastle is one of the most recognisable cities in England.
2. Answer - St James' Park is in the heart of the city.
3. Answer - The stadium is minutes from road and rail links.
4. Answer - The club enjoys a rich heritage.
5. Answer - The city comes alive on match day.
6. Answer - St James' Park is the oldest stadium in the north east of England.

Word search: 1 - Toon Army, 2 – northeast, 3 – Magpies, 4 – stroll, 5 – heritage, 6 – largest, 7 – city, 8 – match

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