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Leicester City in football fairytale win

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THE READING

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Football fans in an English city are celebrating a fairytale win for their club. Leicester City won England's Premier League for the first time in their 132-year history. They beat the big teams like Manchester United and Chelsea to the title. Journalists are saying it is the greatest achievement in the history of sport. Leicester were bottom of the 20-team Premier League last year. However, their style of play totally changed this year. New players and a new coach made them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the world went crazy.

Leicester were promoted to the Premier League only two years ago. They were favourites to go back down again this season. No one gave them a chance of winning the League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 against winning the title. If you had put a \$1 bet on them to win, you could now collect \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester and will now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's team cost less to buy than just one star in the top teams. However, two Leicester players won awards in England. It is also likely that Leicester's manager Claudio Ranieri will be world coach of the year.

Sources: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/03/sports/soccer/leicester-city-clinches-premier-league-title.html?_r=0
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. celebrating a | a. title on Monday night |
| 2. for the first time in their | b. n the history of sport |
| 3. They beat | c. world went crazy |
| 4. the greatest achievement i | d. team Premier League |
| 5. bottom of the 20- | e. almost unbeatable |
| 6. a new coach made them | f. the big teams |
| 7. They won the | g. fairytale win |
| 8. their supporters around the | h. 132-year history |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. They were favourites to go | a. than just one star |
| 2. No one gave them a | b. winning the title |
| 3. they were 5,000-1 against | c. likely |
| 4. put a \$1 | d. awards |
| 5. less to buy | e. back down again |
| 6. two Leicester players won | f. of the year |
| 7. It is also | g. chance of winning |
| 8. Ranieri will be world coach | h. bet on them to win |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Football fans in an English city (1) _____ a fairytale win for their club. Leicester City won England's Premier League for (2) _____ their 132-year history. They beat the (3) _____ Manchester United and Chelsea to the title. Journalists are saying it is the (4) _____ in the history of sport. Leicester were bottom of the 20-team Premier League last year. However, their (5) _____ totally changed this year. New players and a new coach made them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the (6) _____.

Leicester were (7) _____ Premier League only two years ago. They were favourites to (8) _____ again this season. No one gave them a chance of winning the League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 (9) _____ the title. If you had put a \$1 (10) _____ win, you could now collect \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester and will now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's team cost less to buy than (11) _____ the top teams. However, two Leicester players won awards in England. It is also likely that Leicester's manager Claudio Ranieri will (12) _____ the year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

WRITING

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Write about **Leicester City** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
