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Leicester City in football fairytale win

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THE ARTICLE

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Football fans in the English city of Leicester have been celebrating a fairytale win for their club. Leicester City won England's Premier League for the first time in their 132-year history. The team beat the traditional powerhouses of Manchester United and Chelsea to the title. Many journalists are saying it is the greatest achievement in the history of sport. Leicester were bottom of the 20-team Premier League last year. They were nearly relegated to a lower league. However, their style of play totally changed this year. Their team spirit, the introduction of new players and a new coach all combined to make them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the world went crazy.

Leicester City were promoted to England's Premier League only two years ago. They were hot favourites to go back down to the lower league again this season. No one gave them a chance of winning the Premier League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 against winning the title. That means 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 to win and will now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's whole team cost less to buy than just one star in the top teams. Despite this, two Leicester players won the top player of the year awards in England. It is also likely that Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world coach of the year.

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WARM-UPS

1. LEICESTER CITY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Leicester City. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

football / fans / fairytale / traditional / journalists / achievement / promoted / favourites / season / chance / bet / collect / winning / awards / coach

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GREATEST: Students A **strongly** believe football is the greatest sport in the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FAIRYTALES: What fairytales could there be in these situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What is happening now?	What is the happy ending?
Shopping		
Climate change		
School		
Syria		
You		
Mars		

5. WIN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "win". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SPORTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- football
- swimming
- basketball
- Formula 1
- karate
- rugby
- skiing
- tennis

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Leicester City is 132 years old. **T / F**
- b. The team lost to Manchester United and Chelsea. **T / F**
- c. Journalists say it is the greatest achievement in sports history. **T / F**
- d. Their style of play has not changed over the past few years. **T / F**
- e. Leicester were promoted to the Premier League last season. **T / F**
- f. Leicester were 5,000-1 against winning the Premier League. **T / F**
- g. Tom Hanks said he bet on Leicester to win the Premier League. **T / F**
- h. Leicester City's coach has been named as world coach of the year. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. fans | a. just |
| 2. win | b. performance |
| 3. achievement | c. joined |
| 4. nearly | d. hope |
| 5. combined | e. big name |
| 6. only | f. supporters |
| 7. chance | g. probable |
| 8. whole | h. almost |
| 9. star | i. victory |
| 10. likely | j. entire |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. celebrating a | a. the history of sport |
| 2. the greatest achievement in | b. unbeatable |
| 3. their style of | c. awards |
| 4. make them almost | d. favourites |
| 5. their supporters around the world | e. winning the title |
| 6. hot | f. coach of the year |
| 7. No one gave them | g. went crazy |
| 8. 5,000-1 against | h. a chance |
| 9. player of the year | i. play |
| 10. Ranieri will be world | j. fairytale win |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

Football fans in the English city of Leicester have been celebrating a fairytale win for their (1) _____. Leicester City won England's Premier League for the first (2) _____ in their 132-year history. The team beat the traditional powerhouses of Manchester United and Chelsea to the (3) _____. Many journalists are saying it is the greatest achievement in the (4) _____ of sport. Leicester were bottom of the 20-team Premier League last year. They were (5) _____ relegated to a lower league. However, their style of play (6) _____ changed this year. Their team spirit, the introduction of new players and a new coach all (7) _____ to make them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the world went (8) _____.

history
club
totally
title
crazy
time
combined
nearly

Leicester City were (9) _____ to England's Premier League only two years ago. They were (10) _____ favourites to go back down to the lower league again this season. No one gave them a (11) _____ of winning the Premier League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 against winning the title. That means if you had put a \$1 (12) _____ on them to win, you could now collect \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester to win and will now get \$500,000 (13) _____. Leicester's whole team cost less to buy than just one star in the top teams. Despite (14) _____, two Leicester players won the top player of the year (15) _____ in England. It is also likely that Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world (16) _____ of the year.

bet
promoted
back
awards
coach
hot
chance
this

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Football fans in the English city of Leicester have been celebrating _____
 - a. a fairytale win
 - b. a fairytale won
 - c. a fairytale wins
 - d. a fairytale winning
- 2) Many journalists are saying it is the greatest achievement in the _____
 - a. histories of sport
 - b. history of sport
 - c. history for sport
 - d. history of sports
- 3) They were nearly relegated to _____
 - a. a low are league
 - b. a low the league
 - c. a lower leagues
 - d. a lower league
- 4) new players and a new coach all combined to make them _____
 - a. almost unbeatable
 - b. almost not beatable
 - c. almost non-beatable
 - d. almost ermm... beatable
- 5) They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the _____
 - a. world went crazily
 - b. worlds went crazy
 - c. world went crazy
 - d. worlds went crazily
- 6) Leicester City were promoted to England's Premier League _____
 - a. only two years then
 - b. only two years go
 - c. only two years a goes
 - d. only two years ago
- 7) They were hot favourites to go back down to the lower league _____
 - a. again that season
 - b. again this season
 - c. again these season
 - d. again those season
- 8) Last August, they were 5,000-1 against _____
 - a. win in the titled
 - b. winning the title
 - c. winning a title
 - d. winning the titled
- 9) Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester to win and will now _____
 - a. got \$500,000 back
 - b. get \$500,000 back
 - c. gets \$500,000 pack
 - d. get \$500,000 pack
- 10) Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world _____
 - a. coach of the year
 - b. coach for the year
 - c. coach from the year
 - d. coach off the year

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Leicester City (7) _____ England's Premier League only two years ago. They were hot favourites to go (8) _____ the lower league (9) _____. No one gave them a chance of winning the Premier League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 against winning the title. That means if you had put a \$1 (10) _____ win, you could now collect \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester to win and will now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's whole team cost (11) _____ just one star in the top teams. Despite this, two Leicester players won the top player (12) _____ in England. It is also likely that Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world coach of the year.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

1. Who has been celebrating in Leicester?
2. How old is Leicester City Football Club?
3. How many teams are there in the English Premier League?
4. What totally changed with the club this year?
5. What did Leicester supporters around the world do on Monday?
6. When were Leicester promoted to the Premier League?
7. What did people say were the chances of Leicester winning the League?
8. Which actor bet on Leicester winning the Premier League?
9. What did two of Leicester's players win?
10. What award might Leicester City's coach get?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

- 1) Who has been celebrating in Leicester?
 - a) restaurant staff
 - b) radio commentators
 - c) fans
 - d) ball boys and girls
- 2) How old is Leicester City Football Club?
 - a) 132 years old
 - b) 122 years old
 - c) 123 years old
 - d) 113 years old
- 3) How many teams are there in the English Premier League?
 - a) 16
 - b) 18
 - c) 22
 - d) 20
- 4) What totally changed with the club this year?
 - a) their stadium
 - b) their style of play
 - c) their kit
 - d) players' salaries
- 5) What did Leicester supporters around the world do on Monday?
 - a) fight
 - b) bet on next season
 - c) go crazy
 - d) watch TV
- 6) When were Leicester promoted to the Premier League?
 - a) 3 years ago
 - b) 2 years ago
 - c) 4 years ago
 - d) 10 years ago
- 7) What did people say were the chances of Leicester winning the League?
 - a) good
 - b) 10-1
 - c) nil
 - d) 5,000-1
- 8) Which actor bet on Leicester winning the Premier League?
 - a) Leonardo DiCaprio
 - b) Tom Hanks
 - c) Robert De Niro
 - d) Benedict Cumberbatch
- 9) What did two of Leicester's players win?
 - a) player of the year awards
 - b) the FIFA 2016 game
 - c) teddy bears
 - d) a car
- 10) What award might Leicester City's coach get?
 - a) fired
 - b) a new team
 - c) a promotion
 - d) world coach of the year

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Football

You think football is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): basketball, Formula 1 or tennis.

Role B – Basketball

You think basketball is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): football, Formula 1 or tennis.

Role C – Formula 1

You think Formula 1 is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): basketball, football or tennis.

Role D – Tennis

You think tennis is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): basketball, Formula 1 or football.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'fairy' and 'tale'.

fairy	tale
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• celebrating• first• journalists• nearly• style• crazy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ago• down• against• now• star• year
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LEICESTER CITY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Leicester City in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

LEICESTER CITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'football'?
3. Which is the best word, 'football' or 'soccer'?
4. What do you know about Leicester City's victory?
5. What do you know about the English Premier League?
6. What is the biggest fairytale in sport?
7. What is your greatest sporting joy?
8. How important is sport?
9. Why does sport create so much passion in people?
10. Why is football the world's most popular sport?

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LEICESTER CITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of Leicester winning the Premier League?
13. How has Leicester's victory changed football?
14. How likely is it that Leicester will win again next season?
15. What would it be like to play for Leicester City?
16. Have you ever bet on a team or player?
17. Is the English Premier League the best league in the world?
18. How do you think the Leicester players feel right now?
19. How much of Leicester's victory is because of the coach?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Leicester players?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) celebrating | (b) celebration | (c) celebrations | (d) celebrated |
| 2. | (a) historian | (b) historical | (c) history | (d) histories |
| 3. | (a) label | (b) banner | (c) title | (d) form |
| 4. | (a) nearer | (b) nears | (c) neared | (d) nearly |
| 5. | (a) ghost | (b) ghoul | (c) spirit | (d) phantom |
| 6. | (a) did | (b) went | (c) landed | (d) came |
| 7. | (a) promotion | (b) promoted | (c) prominent | (d) prompted |
| 8. | (a) tepid | (b) hot | (c) barbecued | (d) alight |
| 9. | (a) from | (b) post | (c) against | (d) disagree |
| 10. | (a) met | (b) get | (c) let | (d) bet |
| 11. | (a) those | (b) these | (c) them | (d) this |
| 12. | (a) liking | (b) liked | (c) likes | (d) likely |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. aerbtceling a fairytale win
2. their 132-year ytsohir
3. the natatdoiril powerhouses
4. Many sisoluajrtn
5. relegated to a lower aueelg
6. their ueptosprs around the world

Paragraph 2

7. They were hot riaosvetu (UK) / rfesitaov (USA)
8. No one gave them a hnecca of winning
9. this nasose
10. coetcll \$5,000
11. player of the year awsrad
12. world acoch of the year

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to make them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the world went crazy.
- () last year. They were nearly relegated to a lower league. However, their style of play totally
- () saying it is the greatest achievement in the history of sport. Leicester were bottom of the 20-team Premier League
- () Leicester City were promoted to England's Premier League only two years ago. They were hot favourites to go back
- () likely that Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world coach of the year.
- () down to the lower league again this season. No one gave them a chance of winning the Premier League. Last August, they
- (**1**) Football fans in the English city of Leicester have been celebrating a fairytale win for their
- () the traditional powerhouses of Manchester United and Chelsea to the title. Many journalists are
- () this, two Leicester players won the top player of the year awards in England. It is also
- () now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's whole team cost less to buy than just one star in the top teams. Despite
- () changed this year. Their team spirit, the introduction of new players and a new coach all combined
- () win, you could now collect \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester to win and will
- () were 5,000-1 against winning the title. That means if you had put a \$1 bet on them to
- () club. Leicester City won England's Premier League for the first time in their 132-year history. The team beat

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. a Celebrating club their for win fairytale .

2. year history For the first time in their 132 - .

3. of sport It is . the greatest achievement in the history

4. league relegated to They a were lower nearly .

5. world the around supporters Their crazy went .

6. go They to favourites down hot back were .

7. the League No one gave them a chance of winning .

8. win Hanks said he bet \$100 on Leicester to .

9. buy to less cost team whole Leicester's star one just than .

10. player top the won players Leicester Two awards year the of .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1605/160505-leicester-city.html>

Football fans in the English city *of / from* Leicester have been celebrating a fairytale *win / winning* for their club. Leicester City won England's Premier League for the first time in *that / their* 132-year history. The team beat the *traditional / traditionally* powerhouses of Manchester United and Chelsea to the title. Many journalists are *said / saying* it is the greatest achievement in the history of sport. Leicester were *low / bottom* of the 20-team Premier League last year. They were nearly *relegation / relegated* to a lower league. However, their *style / stylish* of play totally changed this year. Their team spirit, the introduction of new players and a new coach all *combed / combined* to make them almost unbeatable. They won the title on Monday night and their supporters around the world went *crazily / crazy*.

Leicester City were *promoted / prompted* to England's Premier League only two years ago. They were hot favourites to go back *up / down* to the lower league again *this / the* season. No one gave them a chance of *wins / winning* the Premier League. Last August, they were 5,000-1 against winning the title. That means if you had *put / done* a \$1 bet on them to win, you could now *collection / collect* \$5,000. The actor Tom Hanks said he bet \$100 *in / on* Leicester to win and will now get \$500,000 back. Leicester's *hole / whole* team cost less to buy than just one star in the top teams. *Despite / Spite* this, two Leicester players won the top player of the year awards in England. It is also likely that Leicester's Italian manager Claudio Ranieri will be world *coach / couch* of the year.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F__t_b__ll f__ns __n th__ __ngl__sh c__ty __f L__c__st__r h__v__
b__n c__l__br__t__ng __ f__ryt__l__ w__n f__r th__r cl__b.
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w__n __nd w__ll n__w g__t \$500,000 b__ck. L__c__st__r's wh__l__
t__m c__st l__ss t__ b__y th__n j__st __n__st__r __n th__ t__p
t__ms. D__sp__t__ th__s, tw__ L__c__st__r pl__y__rs w__n th__
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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Leicester City. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LEICESTER CITY: Make a poster about Leicester City. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PREMIER LEAGUE: Write a magazine article about the English Premier League. Include imaginary interviews with people who think it is the greatest league in the world and with people who think it isn't.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on football. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c T d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. fans | a. supporters |
| 2. win | b. victory |
| 3. achievement | c. performance |
| 4. nearly | d. almost |
| 5. combined | e. joined |
| 6. only | f. just |
| 7. chance | g. hope |
| 8. whole | h. entire |
| 9. star | i. big name |
| 10. likely | j. probable |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Fans
2. 132 years old
3. 20
4. Their style of play
5. They went crazy
6. Two years ago
7. 5,000-1 against
8. Tom Hanks
9. Player of the year awards
10. World coach of the year

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)