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**Level 0 – 22nd April, 2021**

## Football fan fury over European Super League

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-0.html>

Europe's top football clubs created a super league. It fell apart less than 48 hours later. The European Super League made fans, players and managers angry. The British Prime Minister was angry. He said the new league would destroy football. Many football fans protested. They said greedy club owners created the ESL.

Top teams from England, Spain and Italy joined the ESL. No teams from Germany and France joined. This made it less European. In Germany, fans own 51 per cent of their teams. Fan power is big. The UK government said it would take action to stop the ESL. FIFA could ban players who played in the ESL from the World Cup.

Sources: <https://www.espn.com/soccer/manchester-united/story/4365066/man-united-man-city-players-voice-super-league-concerns-to-clubs-sources>  
<https://sports.yahoo.com/super-league-faces-potential-legal-215850700.html>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2021/apr/19/european-super-league-government-fa-and-uefa-unite-to-denounce-plans>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Europe's top                   | a. destroy football |
| 2. It fell                        | b. and managers     |
| 3. less than                      | c. owners           |
| 4. fans, players                  | d. apart            |
| 5. The British Prime Minister was | e. protested        |
| 6. He said the new league would   | f. football clubs   |
| 7. Many football fans             | g. angry            |
| 8. greedy club                    | h. 48 hours later   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Top teams                 | a. big            |
| 2. Spain and Italy           | b. France joined  |
| 3. No teams from Germany and | c. of their teams |
| 4. This made it less         | d. action         |
| 5. fans own 51 per cent      | e. from England   |
| 6. Fan power is              | f. European       |
| 7. it would take             | g. players        |
| 8. FIFA could ban            | h. joined the ESL |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-0.html>

Europe's top football (1) \_\_\_\_\_ super league. It fell (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 48 hours later. The European Super League made (3) \_\_\_\_\_ managers angry. The British Prime Minister was angry. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ league (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Many football fans protested. They said (6) \_\_\_\_\_ created the ESL. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ England, Spain and Italy joined the ESL. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Germany and France joined. This (9) \_\_\_\_\_ European. In Germany, fans own 51 per cent of their teams. Fan (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK government said it (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop the ESL. FIFA could ban players (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the ESL from the World Cup.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL / SOCCER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football / soccer 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-0.html>

Write about **football / soccer** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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