

### 1. Manchester United

The subject of this week's lesson is one of the world's most famous and best supported football clubs: Manchester United.

#### Level

Pre-intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level A2-B1 and above)

#### How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students if they like football, and if so, why. Ask them to name what they consider the most popular and/or successful football clubs in the world, and to say what they know about them. Brainstorm on the subject of Manchester United, asking the students to list all the things and people they associate with the club.
2. Give each student in the class a copy of Worksheet A and give them five to ten minutes to read through it, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that some of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.
3. Hand out Worksheet B, divide the students into pairs and ask them to do Exercise 1, in which they have to match the words from the text on Worksheet A with the definitions.
4. Check answers in open class.
5. Keeping the students in their pairs, hand out Worksheet C and ask them to do the crossword.
6. Check answers in open class.
7. If you want you could also draw attention to some of the features of British English in the text – for example the use of 'match' rather than 'game', the possibility of using 'manager' rather than 'coach' in a football context, and the frequent treatment of sports teams as plurals ('United have more fans', etc).

#### Answers:

##### Exercise 1

1. D 2. F 3. H 4. N 5. A 6. J 7. B 8. L 9. M 10. C 11. G 12. E  
13. I 14. K

##### Exercise 2

1. big 2. stadium 3. Germany 4. player 5. won 6. played 7. Liverpool  
8. English 9. millions 10. hold 11. founded

If the sentences have been completed correctly, *Gary Neville* will read from top to bottom.

## 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.manutd.com>

The official Manchester United website. Intermediate level and above.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid\\_8050000/newsid\\_8050500/8050558.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_8050000/newsid_8050500/8050558.stm)

A BBC *Newsround* interview (2009) with David Beckham. Challenging for pre-intermediate level.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid\\_8320000/newsid\\_8322100/8322166.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_8320000/newsid_8322100/8322166.stm)

A *Newsround* article (October 2009) previewing a match between Manchester United and Liverpool, including a short video of Manchester schoolchildren predicting the score. Challenging for pre-intermediate level.