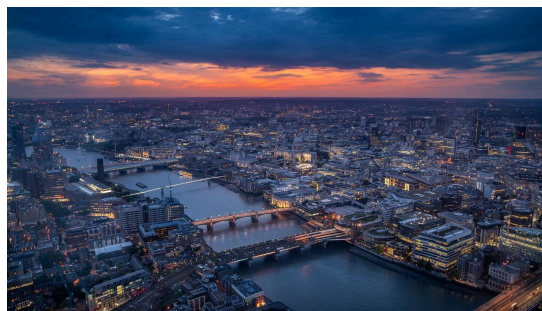


Great Football Cities: London



1) Discussion

- a) Have you ever visited the UK? Did you visit London?
 - b) What teams do you know in London? Can you name all 17 professional teams?
 - c) What are your favourite London teams?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) A big deal (phrase) | a) The state of being close or united as a group. |
| 2) A derby (noun) | b) A match between two local teams or rivals from the same city or area. |
| 3) Intense (adjective) | c) Extremely happy or joyful. |
| 4) To claim (verb) | d) Something very important. |
| 5) Ecstatic (adjective) | e) To say that something is true or belongs to you. |
| 6) Togetherness (noun) | f) Very strong or powerful, often describing emotions or experiences. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

A big deal

A derby

Intense

To Claim

Ecstatic

Togetherness

- 1) The FIFA World Cup is _____ and is watched by millions of people.
- 2) _____ between River Plate and Boca Juniors is one of the biggest in world football.
- 3) Fans were _____ when their team scored a last-minute winner in the World Cup final.
- 4) The rivalry between Barcelona and Real Madrid is so _____ that matches between them are always amazing to watch.
- 5) The sense of _____ among supporters at the stadium was palpable as they cheered on their national team.
- 6) Manchester City _____ the 2022-2023 Premier League title.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What does football mean to people in London?
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London Calling

In London, football is a big deal. The city has many teams, each with lots of fans. Some famous teams include Arsenal, Tottenham, Chelsea, West Ham, Fulham, Charlton Athletic, Brentford, Crystal Palace and Millwall. These teams have been around for a long time and are loved by people all over the city.

There are special matches called derbies where teams from the same city play against each other. In London, the biggest game is perhaps the North London Derby between Arsenal and Tottenham. The rivalry between the two teams is intense and this can be seen in the game. The West London Derby (Chelsea vs. Fulham or QPR), and the East London Derby (West Ham vs. Leyton Orient) are also big matches.

Some teams in London have been very successful. Arsenal have won 13 league titles and 14 FA cups in their long history. Chelsea can also claim to be the biggest club in the capital. They haven't won as many leagues as Arsenal, only 6, but they have won 2 Champions Leagues in their history. West Ham have also added to London teams' European success by winning the Europa Conference League in 2023.

Football means a lot to Londoners. It's not just a game; it's a part of their lives. They feel ecstatic when their team wins and sad when they lose. But no matter what, they always support them. Going to matches with family and friends is a special time. They sing songs, cheer for their team, and make memories together.

In London, football brings people together. It doesn't matter where you're from or what you do; when you support the same team, you're like family. It's this sense of togetherness that makes football so important to us.



4) Discussion

- a) Would you like to visit London in the future?
- b) Which London derbies would you like to go to?
- c) Who do you think is the biggest team in London?

