

## How Qatar Changed PSG



### 1) Discussion

- a) Do you watch a lot of French football?
  - b) Who are your favourite French teams?
  - c) Do you think the French league is a good league to watch? Why or why not?
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### 2) Vocabulary

#### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To Acquire (verb)    | a) To make something stronger.                    |
| 2) To Secure (verb)     | b) All around the world.                          |
| 3) To Strengthen (verb) | c) A name or symbol for a product or company.     |
| 4) Challenger (noun)    | d) To get or buy something.                       |
| 5) Renowned (adjective) | e) Well-known or famous.                          |
| 6) Globally (adverb)    | f) To make sure you have something.               |
| 7) Brand (noun)         | g) A person or team trying to win against others. |
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**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

To Acquire      To Secure      To Strengthen      Challenger  
Renowned      Globally      Brand

- 1) Football is loved \_\_\_\_\_ , with millions of fans on every continent.
- 2) Rafael Leão is \_\_\_\_\_ for his incredible speed and goal-scoring ability.
- 3) In 2017, PSG paid a record fee to \_\_\_\_\_ Neymar from Barcelona.
- 4) Manchester United's \_\_\_\_\_ is recognised by football fans all over the world.
- 5) Bayern Munich always work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ their position at the top of the Bundesliga.
- 6) In the World Cup, not every team is a serious \_\_\_\_\_ for the title.
- 7) Real Madrid signed Toni Kroos to \_\_\_\_\_ their midfield in 2014.



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

- a) What was the main goal for Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) when they bought PSG in 2011?
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Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) is a football club from Paris, France. Before 2011, PSG was not very successful. The club had won only two league titles. The team was not well-known outside France.

In 2011, everything changed. Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) purchased PSG. They paid about 70 million euros. The reason for acquiring the club was to transform it into one of the best in the world.

After the takeover, PSG started signing top players. One of the first major signings was Zlatan Ibrahimović in 2012. He helped PSG win many matches. PSG won the French league title in 2013, their first in 19 years. Since then, they have secured many more titles.

In 2017, PSG made two significant signings. They acquired Neymar from Barcelona for 222 million euros, making it the most expensive transfer ever. They also signed Kylian Mbappe from Monaco. These two players strengthened PSG and made them a challenger for European trophies.

In 2021, PSG signed Lionel Messi for free, one of the greatest players in the world. This move made the team even more renowned globally.

Since 2011, PSG has won numerous trophies. They have clinched the French league title 10 times and other domestic cups as well. However, they have not won the UEFA Champions League, which is the biggest club competition in Europe. They got to the final in 2020 but lost to Bayern Munich 1-0.

The takeover by Qatar has been successful in making PSG a dominant team and a global brand. The club is now recognized all over the world. But winning the Champions League is the biggest goal.



## 4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Qatar's takeover of PSG?
- b) Do you think they have been successful?
- c) Which players did you enjoy watching play for PSG?
- d) Do you think PSG are good for French football?

