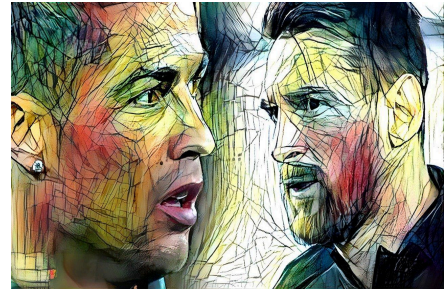


# Super El Clásico



## 1) Discussion

- a) What is your favourite rivalry in football?
- b) Are there any big rivalries in your country?
- c) Do you prefer Real Madrid or Barcelona?

## 2) Vocabulary

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

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| 1) Zenith (noun)      | a) A heated or noisy argument or disagreement, typically in a public setting.    |
| 2) Awe (noun)         | b) The highest point of something; the peak or summit.                           |
| 3) Spectacle (noun)   | c) A feeling of admiration, and wonder, often mixed with fear or amazement.      |
| 4) Altercation (noun) | d) To proudly talk or speak about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities. |
| 5) Etched (adjective) | e) Engraved or carved into a surface or memory.                                  |
| 6) Boast (verb)       | f) Something that attracts attention and admiration.                             |



**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

- 1) The fans looked on in \_\_\_\_\_ after she scored an amazing solo goal.
- 2) The intense rivalry between two football clubs led to a heated \_\_\_\_\_ on the field.
- 3) Kylian Mbappé's name was \_\_\_\_\_ on the record books after he scored a hat-trick in the 2022 World Cup final.
- 4) She couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ about her team's performance.
- 5) The opening ceremony of the Euros was a dazzling \_\_\_\_\_, featuring impressive cultural displays and choreographed performances.
- 6) Winning the 2023 Champions League was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Manchester City's 2022-2023 season.



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

- a) What things made the El Clásicos between 2010 and 2011 so special?
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The years 2010 to 2012 marked a golden era for football enthusiasts as the fierce rivalry between Barcelona and Real Madrid reached its pinnacle. At the helm of these two footballing giants were two iconic managers, Josep Guardiola for Barcelona and José Mourinho for Real Madrid, each bringing their unique style to the pitch.

The star-studded squads boasted two of the greatest footballers of their generation—**1)** \_\_\_\_\_. Their individual brilliance not only fueled the rivalry but also turned each encounter into a personal battle for supremacy.

One of the defining moments during this period was the UEFA Champions League semi-final in 2011. The world watched in awe as Barcelona and Real Madrid clashed over two legs. Barcelona, under the possession-oriented tactics of Guardiola, triumphed in a fiercely contested series, **2)** \_\_\_\_\_.

Another memorable match was the Spanish Super Cup in 2011. Real Madrid, under the management of the fiery Mourinho, faced Barcelona in a highly charged match. The tension reached its zenith **3)** \_\_\_\_\_, in the eye. The incident added a controversial twist to the already heated rivalry, creating headlines and sparking debates in the footballing world.

Beyond the star players and intense matches, the strategic battles between Guardiola and Mourinho added an extra layer of drama to the rivalry. The differing philosophies and **4)** \_\_\_\_\_, making every encounter a spectacle for fans worldwide.

The Barcelona vs. Real Madrid rivalry between 2010 and 2012 was a footballing saga filled with drama, skill, and controversy. From the strategic clashes of Guardiola and Mourinho to the on-field brilliance of Messi and Ronaldo, **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of El Clásico.

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**4) Read for Detail - Read the article and put the sentences into the correct space.**

- a) when a touchline altercation saw Mourinho poking Tito Vilanova, then Barcelona's assistant coach
  - b) this period remains etched in the memories of football fans as one of the most thrilling chapters
  - c) mind games played out not only on the pitch but also in the press conferences
  - d) Lionel Messi donning the Blaugrana colours for Barcelona and Cristiano Ronaldo leading the charge for Real Madrid
  - e) securing a spot in the final and leaving an indelible mark on football history.
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**5) Discussion**

- a) What do you think of the El Clásico games between 2010 and 2012. Can you remember any of them? Which was your favourite?
  - b) Which team do you think was more successful during this period?
  - c) Whose style of play do you prefer, Mourinho's or Guardiola's?
  - d) Can you think of any other rivalries that had a big impact on football?
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- 1 - D
- 2 - E
- 3 - A
- 4 - C
- 5 - B

**4 - Read for Detail - Read the article and put the sentences into the correct space.**

a) The 2010 - 2012 El Clásicos were special because of the two teams and their managers. Barcelona managed by Pep Guardiola, Real Madrid by Jose Mourinho. The two teams had amazing players, including Messi and Ronaldo. The two teams were both competing for major trophies and often played each other in tournaments, including La Liga, The Spanish Supercup and The Champions League semi-finals.

**3 - Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question**

- 1) Awe
- 2) Altercation
- 3) Etched
- 4) Boast
- 5) Fdd
- 6) Zenith

**2b - Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

- 1 - B
- 2 - C
- 3 - F
- 4 - A
- 5 - E
- 6 - D

**2a) Vocabulary - Match the vocabulary to the definition.**

**Answer Key**

