# **Great Football Cities: Glasgow**



### 1) Discussion

- a) What do you know about Scottish football?
- b) Who are some of your favourite Scottish players?
- c) How many Scottish teams can you think of?

#### 2) Vocabulary

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

- 1) To Argue (verb)
- 2) Majority (adjective)
- 3) Freely (adverb)
- 4) In a row (phrase)
- 5) To Buzz (verb)
- 6) To Get Caught up (phrase)

- a) Happening one after another without stopping.
- b) To become involved in something and feel excited or interested in it.
- c) Most of the people or things in a group.
- d) When something is full of energy or excitement.
- e) When people don't agree about something and talk about it in a loud or upset way.
- f) To do something without any rules or restrictions.

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

	To argue	Majority	Freely	In a row
		To buzz	To get caught up	
1)	During <i>El Clásico</i>	, the stadium ter	nds to	with excitement.
2)	A lot of fans	in th	e game and get ver	y emotional.
3)	Between 2012 and 2020, Juventus won Serie A 9 times			
4)	Total Football tactics means the players can move on the pitch to find the best position.			
5)	The of the time, Manchester City have more possessio than the other team.			
•	Fans of rival tear	ns, like Flameng	o and Palmeiras	about

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

a) Why is the rivalry between Rangers and Celtic so big?

#### **The Old Firm**

In Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city, football is a big deal. Two teams, Celtic and Rangers, have been playing for a long time, and they have a strong rivalry.

People love these teams, but sometimes they argue because they have different religions. Celtic has lots of fans who are Catholic, while Rangers has lots of fans who are Protestant. This has caused problems in the past, with people being unkind to each other because of their religion. But the majority of fans try to support their team without causing problems to others.

Celtic and Rangers play football in different ways. Celtic likes to attack a lot and play freely, while Rangers are more defensive and careful. Both teams have been very good for a long time, and the two teams often dominate the league, with Celtic or Rangers winning every title since 1985.

Both Celtic and Rangers have won many trophies over the years. Celtic has won the Scottish League Championship regularly, including winning 9 in a row from 2012-2020. They have also done well in European competitions, winning the European Cup in 1967. Rangers also has a long list of trophies, including league titles and Scottish Cups. These achievements make their rivalry even more intense, as each team wants to prove they are the best in Glasgow and beyond.

When they play against each other, it's very exciting for the fans because they want their team to be the best. On match days, the city buzzes with excitement. Fans wear their team's colours, sing songs, and cheer loudly at the stadium. The atmosphere is electric, and even people who aren't usually interested in football get caught up in the excitement.

The atmosphere on matchday makes the Old Firm a great experience for any football fan.



### 4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the rivalry between Celtic and Rangers?
- b) Would you like to go to an Old Firm game?
- c) Do you think it's a bad thing to have two teams that win all the titles?