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**Level 1** – 22nd April, 2021

## Football fan fury over European Super League

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-1.html>

Europe's top football clubs created a super league. It fell apart less than 48 hours later. The richest teams in Europe said they would start the European Super League in August. This made fans, players and managers angry. Even the British Prime Minister was angry. He said the new league would destroy football. The worldwide anger made the clubs pull out of the ESL. Many football fans protested. They said greedy club owners created the ESL.

Six of England's richest teams and top teams from Spain and Italy agreed to join the ESL. No teams from Germany and France joined. This made it less European. In Germany, teams are 51-per-cent owned by fans, so fan power is big. The UK government said it would take action to stop the ESL. Premier League clubs want the six English clubs to leave their league. FIFA said it might ban players who played in the ESL from the World Cup.

Sources: <https://www.espn.com/soccer/manchester-united/story/4365066/man-united-man-city-players-voice-super-league-concerns-to-clubs-sources>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. clubs created a             | a. destroy football |
| 2. It fell apart less than     | b. out of the ESL   |
| 3. The richest                 | c. 48 hours later   |
| 4. This made fans, players and | d. owners           |
| 5. the new league would        | e. super league     |
| 6. anger made the clubs pull   | f. protested        |
| 7. Many football fans          | g. teams in Europe  |
| 8. greedy club                 | h. managers angry   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Six of England's                  | a. might                  |
| 2. agreed to                         | b. owned by fans          |
| 3. This made it less                 | c. in the ESL             |
| 4. teams are 51-per-cent             | d. join the ESL           |
| 5. it would take action              | e. English clubs to leave |
| 6. Premier League clubs want the six | f. richest teams          |
| 7. FIFA said it                      | g. to stop the ESL        |
| 8. ban players who played            | h. European               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-1.html>

Europe's top football (1) \_\_\_\_\_ super league. It fell apart less than (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The richest teams in Europe said they would start the European Super League in August. This (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and managers angry. Even the British Prime Minister was angry. He said the new league (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The worldwide anger made the clubs (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the ESL. Many football fans protested. They said greedy club (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ESL.

Six of England's richest teams (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from Spain and Italy agreed to join the ESL. No teams from Germany and France joined. This (8) \_\_\_\_\_ European. In Germany, teams are 51-per-cent (9) \_\_\_\_\_, so fan power is big. The UK government said it would take action to stop the ESL. Premier League (10) \_\_\_\_\_ six English clubs (11) \_\_\_\_\_ league. FIFA said it might ban players (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the ESL from the World Cup.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL / SOCCER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210422-european-super-league-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football / soccer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

