

Start of the English Premier League (August 21, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The start of the new Premier League soccer season, the most-watched league in England. ⚽

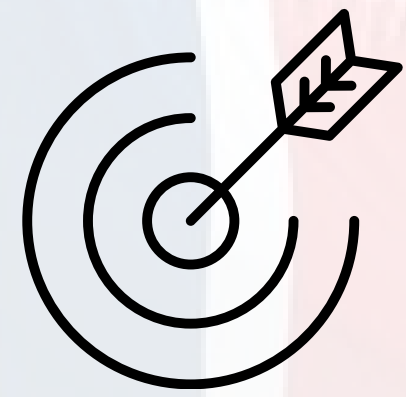
Who? The 20 best English soccer teams, including current champions Arsenal, Liverpool, Manchester City, and Manchester United.

Where? In England, at the stadiums of the 20 teams participating in the league.

When? Friday, August 21, 2026, and the season runs until May 2027.

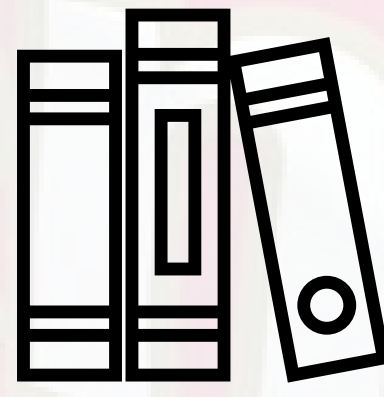
Why is it important? Because the Premier League is the best soccer league in the world. That matters! 🏆

For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the Premier League.



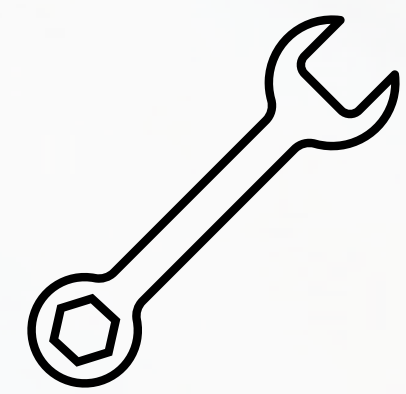
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the final standings of the 2025-2026 Premier League, won by Arsenal
- Calculate a team's points total based on its wins, draws, and losses
- Discover the origin of the name and nickname (the Gunners) of the Arsenal club
- Understand the link between a sports club's history and its current identity
- Find out who won the 2025-2026 Premier League Golden Boot
- Conduct guided online research to complete a club profile



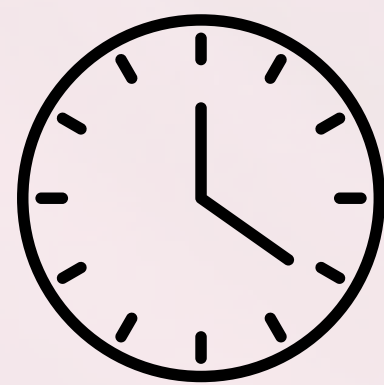
SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Internet Research
 - Written Expression (Short Answers)
- **Mathematics**
 - Multiplication and Addition (Calculating Points)
 - Comparing Numbers
 - Reading a Data Table
- **Social Studies/Culture**
 - Geography of England
 - History and Origin of Sports Club Names
 - Portraits of Sports Personalities



COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Read and understand an informational text
- Perform simple calculations (addition, multiplication, comparing numbers)
- Interpret a data table
- Conduct guided internet research
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they follow the Premier League or other soccer leagues.
- Ask them if they know any nicknames for sports teams (the Canadiens, the Alouettes, etc.) and where these nicknames come from.
- Show them a picture of the Premier League trophy and ask them what they know about the competition.
- Gather their predictions: who do they think could become champion this season?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — A Coveted Trophy! Reading of the final 2025-2026 Premier League standings, then answers to four questions combining data analysis and calculations.

Q1 — (20 wins × 3 points) + (11 draws × 1 point) + (7 losses × 0 points) = 71 points

Q2 — Manchester City, with 77 goals scored.

Q3 — Burnley, with 75 goals conceded.

Q4 — Everton and Nottingham Forest.

STEP 2 — Discovering the Gunners. Reading of a text about the origin of the club's name, then answers to four multiple-choice questions.

Q5 — 1886.

Q6 — Dial Square.

Q7 — From the Royal Arsenal arms factory where the founders worked.

Q8 — Arsenal.

STEP 3 — A Player to Watch! Guided Wikipedia search to complete the profile of Erling Haaland, top scorer of the previous season.

Q9 — Erling Braut Haaland.

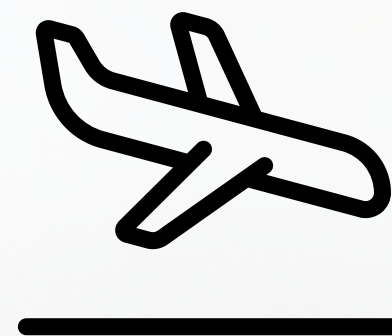
Q10 — July 21, 2000.

Q11 — Leeds, England.

Q12 — 1.95 m (6 ft 5 in).

Q13 — Manchester City.

Q14 — Number 9.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group review of what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the origin of the name Arsenal, Haaland's 27 goals, etc.).
- Ask: In your opinion, which team could dethrone Arsenal this season?
- Connect this to other nicknames of sports teams known to the students.



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Collins Kids. *Football Clubs of England and Scotland Fun Football Facts, Stats & Quizzes*. HarperCollins Publishers

