

## The Mbappé Transfer Saga



### 1) Discussion

- a) What are some big transfers that have happened recently?
  - b) Can you think of any transfers that took a long time to happen?
  - c) Who is the biggest player to transfer in the last transfer window?
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### 2) Vocabulary

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

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| 1) Saga (noun)            | a) Very, very happy.                 |
| 2) Notable (adjective)    | b) Strongly decided to do something. |
| 3) Bid (noun)             | c) Making a lot of money.            |
| 4) Determined (adjective) | d) A long and complicated story.     |
| 5) Lucrative (adjective)  | e) An offer to buy something.        |
| 6) Overjoyed (adjective)  | f) To influence or change something. |
| 7) To Shape (verb)        | g) Important and worth noticing.     |
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**b) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

Saga

Notable

Bid

Determined

Lucrative

Overjoyed

To Shape

- 1) Despite many offers, Harry Kane was \_\_\_\_\_ to stay at Tottenham Hotspur and help them win a trophy.
- 2) Johan Cruyff's decision to manage Barcelona \_\_\_\_\_ the future of European football.
- 3) Erling Haaland's move to Manchester City was a \_\_\_\_\_ event in the 2022 transfer window.
- 4) Neymar's contract with PSG was very \_\_\_\_\_, making him one of the highest-paid players in the world.
- 5) The transfer \_\_\_\_\_ of Cristiano Ronaldo to Real Madrid lasted for several years, before he moved to Madrid in 2009.
- 6) Manchester United fans were \_\_\_\_\_ with the signing of Angel di Maria in 2014.
- 7) Chelsea made a huge \_\_\_\_\_ for Enzo Fernández, trying to bring him to the Premier League.



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

- a) How many times did Real Madrid fail to sign Kylian Mbappé?
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#### The Mbappé Transfer Saga

Kylian Mbappé's transfer saga to Real Madrid has been a story full of drama and excitement. Mbappé is one of the best football players in the world. He is known for his incredible speed, skill, and ability to score goals. Many people believe he could become one of the greatest players ever.

Real Madrid first tried to sign Mbappé in 2017 when he was still playing for AS Monaco. However, he decided to move to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) instead. At PSG, Mbappé continued to grow as a player, winning many trophies and becoming a key part of the team.

Over the years, Real Madrid made several attempts to bring Mbappé to Spain. One of the most notable bids was in 2021, when Madrid offered around €200 million, but PSG rejected the offer. The French club was determined to keep their star player.

In 2022, the transfer saga reached a new level. Mbappé's contract with PSG was about to end, and it seemed like he would finally join Real Madrid. Many reports said that everything was agreed upon, and Mbappé would wear the famous white shirt of Madrid. But, in a surprising turn of events, PSG managed to keep him by offering a very lucrative contract. The new deal made Mbappé one of the highest-paid players in the world and gave him a lot of control over the club's decisions.

Finally, in 2024, the long saga came to an end. Mbappé decided to join Real Madrid for free after his contract with PSG expired. The move was a huge moment in football, as one of the best players in the world joined one of the most famous clubs. Real Madrid fans were overjoyed, and they hope that Mbappé will help the team achieve even more success in the future.

The story of Kylian Mbappé and Real Madrid is a perfect example of how exciting and unpredictable football can be. Fans around the world watched closely as one of the sport's biggest stars made a decision that could shape the future of football.



#### 4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Mbappé's transfer to Real Madrid?
- b) Do you think he will be a success at Real Madrid?
- c) What do you think about the money he will reportedly be earning?
- d) Which player would you like to see your favourite club sign?

