

Euro 96



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite European teams?
 - b) Can you name any European Championship winners?
 - c) Did you watch the last European Championship?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

1) Edition (noun)

2) A Force (noun)

3) To Unite (verb)

4) Penalty Shootout (noun)

5) Golden Goal (noun)

6) Joy (adjective)

a) To bring people or things together.

b) A rule in football where the first team to score in extra time wins the game.

c) Something or someone with power to make things happen.

d) A feeling of great happiness.

e) A way to decide the winner of a game with penalties.

f) A version of a book, magazine, or event.



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

Edition

Force

To Unite

Penalty Shootout

Golden Goal

Joy

- 1) David Trezeguet scored the _____ to win Euro 2000 for France.
- 2) England lost to Portugal in a _____ during the 2006 World Cup.
- 3) The 2024 _____ of the Euro Cup will be held in Germany.
- 4) Winning the World Cup brought great _____ to the Argentinian team and their fans.
- 5) The World Cup can _____ countries, bringing fans together from around the world.
- 6) Virgil van Dijk was a _____ on the field, leading his team to victory.



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

- a) Who were some of the big players at Euro 96?
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Euro 96

Euro 96 was the 10th edition of the UEFA European Championship held in England. It was a tournament for the best football teams in Europe. The matches were played in eight stadiums in different cities. These cities were London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Newcastle, and Nottingham. The final match took place at Wembley Stadium in London.

Many great players played in Euro 96. Paul Gascoigne was one of the best players from England. He scored an iconic goal against Scotland. A young player named Zinedine Zidane played for France. He later became one of the best players in the world. Oliver Bierhoff from Germany was also very important. He scored the winning goal in the final. Matthias Sammer, another German player, was a force in defence. Davor Suker from Croatia was one of the top scorers in the tournament.

England's journey in Euro 96 was very exciting. The team played very well and reached the semi-finals. They beat the Netherlands and Spain to get there. The whole country supported the team. People watched the matches together in pubs and parks. The famous song "Three Lions" was sung by many fans. It was a happy time that united people. In the semi-final, England played against Germany. The match ended in a draw, and Germany won in the penalty shootout.

The final match was between the Czech Republic and Germany. It was a very close game. The Czech Republic scored first with a penalty by Patrik Berger. But Germany equalised with a goal from Oliver Bierhoff. Then, in extra time, Bierhoff scored again with a "golden goal", and Germany won 2-1. It was the first time a "golden goal" decided a major football tournament.

Euro 96 was a special tournament with many memorable moments. It showed great football and brought joy to many people.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Euro 96?
- b) Which players in the article do you know about?
- c) Do you think a *Golden Goal* is a good idea?
- d) Are you excited for the next Euros?

