

The Oldest Cup Competition in the World



1) Discussion

- a) What is the biggest cup competition in your country? Why is it popular?
 - b) Is the FA Cup popular in your country?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Historic (adjective) | a) Showing respect for opponents and the rules of the game. |
| 2) To take place (phrasal verb) | b) To change or adjust to new conditions or circumstances. |
| 3) Giant killing (noun) | c) When an event or activity happens or occurs. |
| 4) To adapt (verb) | d) Something that is very old and important in history. |
| 5) Charm (noun) | e) A special quality or attractiveness that makes someone or something pleasing or delightful. |
| 6) Sportsmanship (noun) | f) When a smaller or weaker team defeats a much bigger or stronger team in a sports competition. |



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

adapt

charm

giant killing

historic

sportsmanship

take place

- 1) Mohamed Salah showed good _____ by helping the opponent when he got injured.
- 2) Neymar Jr.'s ability to _____ his playing style to different leagues showcases his versatility as a footballer.
- 3) Leicester City's _____ of the traditional top clubs to win the English Premier League in 2015-2016 is unforgettable.
- 4) The 2026 World Cup will _____ in the US, Canada and Mexico.
- 5) Cristiano Ronaldo's _____ return to Manchester United shook the football world.
- 6) Jurgen Klopp is popular because of the _____ he has.



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

- a) Why do people love the FA Cup?

The Magic of the Cup

The FA Cup is one of the most historic and most important football competitions in the world. It started back in the 19th century. The first FA Cup took place in the 1871-1872 season, and Wanderers FC won it. In the beginning, teams from all over England competed for the cup, and it became very popular quickly.

Some teams have won the FA Cup many times. Arsenal FC have won it the most, lifting the trophy 14 times. They have been very good for a long time. Manchester United have won it 12 times and Chelsea and Liverpool 8 times. Ashley Cole has won the tournament a record 7 times as a player(3 with Arsenal and 4 with Chelsea).

Sometimes, smaller teams win the FA Cup against bigger teams and the FA cup has seen a lot of giant killings. One famous upset was in 1987 when Coventry City beat Tottenham Hotspur to win their first FA Cup. Another time was in 2013 when Wigan Athletic, a team then at the bottom of the Premier League, defeated Manchester City in an exciting final.

The FA Cup has changed a lot over the years. It has adapted to the sport's changes but still keeps its special charm. It started in the Victorian era and now happens in modern stadiums. People all over the world love to watch it because it shows great football and sportsmanship.

Looking back at the FA Cup's history, we remember many exciting moments. Each victory and upset has made it special. The FA Cup brings people together to celebrate the love of football. It will continue to be magical for years to come.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the FA Cup?
- b) Can you think of any giant killings in recent years?
- c) Do you think the FA Cup will be popular in the future?

