The first football competitions

1. Complete the text with words from the list:

Match – competition – game – spread – teams – international - representatives

Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) became the first important **1** _____ when it was run in 1871. The following year, a **2** _____ between two national **3** _____ was played for the first time. The match that involved England and Scotland ended 0-0 and was followed by 4,000 people at Hamilton Crescent.

Twelve years later, in 1883, the first **4** _____ tournament took place and included four national teams: England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Football was for a long time a British phenomenon, but it gradually **5** _____ to other European countries. The first game that took place outside Europe occurred in Argentina in 1867, but it was foreign British workers who were involved and not Argentinean citizens.

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) was founded in 1904 and a foundation act was signed by **6** _____ from France, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. England and the other British countries did not join FIFA from the start, they had invented the **7** _____ and saw no reason to subordinate to an association. Still, they joined in the following year, but would not partake in the World Cup until 1950.

2. Match the words from the text (1-5) with their definitions (A-E).

1. **Competition**	A. Belonging to or happening between two or more countries.
2. **International**	B. A fact or situation that is observed to happen, especially one whose cause is in question.
3. **Phenomenon**	C. An event where people or teams try to win something.
4. **Subordinate (to)**	D. To be treated as less important than someone or something else.
5. **Partake (in)**	E. To take part in something.

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