

PART A. A CUP COMPETITION



Glossary

at home	If a team plays at home , they play in their own stadium. OPP away.
qualify for sth	be good enough to enter a competition. qualification N.
knockout	In a knockout competition, the winner at each stage continues in the competition, but the loser is no longer in it.
runner(s)-up	a person or team who comes second in a competition.
the rest (of sth)	the remaining people or things; the others.
eliminate sb from sth	USUALLY PASSIVE If a team is eliminated from a competition, it has been beaten and can no longer take part in it. SYN knock sb out of sth.
draw	an act of deciding sth by pulling names out of a bag. be drawn (against sb) V.
round	a stage in a sports competition.
get through (to sth)	reach the next stage in a competition.
neutral	not belonging to either of the teams who are playing.
venue	a place where an organized event happens.
victory	success in a game, war, etc. victorious ADJ.

1. Choose the correct option: TRUE or FALSE?

1. TRUE FALSE If you qualify for a competition, you will win it.
2. TRUE FALSE A venue is the last game in a competition.
3. TRUE FALSE The runner-up comes second in a competition.
4. TRUE FALSE In the knockout stage of a competition, every team plays more than one game.
5. TRUE FALSE If you are eliminated, that is the end of your competition.
6. TRUE FALSE If you are victorious, it is a good result.
7. TRUE FALSE If you play away, you're at a neutral venue.
8. TRUE FALSE The draw is a way of deciding which teams play against each other.

2. Complete the text with relevant words.

We did well in the cup this year. We played _____ in the first _____ but managed to win, then we were _____ at home in the next two rounds and had fairly easy _____. In the _____ for the quarter-final, we had to play the _____ from the last year, but we played really well and _____ to the semi-final. Unfortunately, we then lost because one or two of our best players were injured in training, and that seemed to affect the _____ of the team. However, at least we were _____ by the team that went on to win the competition.

PART B. PLAYING WELL AND PLAYING BADLY

At the beginning of the season our **form** in the **league** was poor, but we've had a **good run** lately, and we're **unbeaten** now in five games.

We had an **outside chance of promotion** before Christmas, but now we've got **no chance**.

Carter was **in great form** for us last season, but recently he's **let us down**.

When the opposition put us **under pressure**, we just **went to pieces**.

We **dominated** the game and were **on the verge of** winning, then we **gave away** a silly penalty.

spotlight chance

Chance is used in many phrases as it can mean a *possibility* (a fact that sth might happen) or an *opportunity* (a situation which makes sth possible):
We've got an **outside chance of** promotion. (= a small chance) or a **great chance**.
This season could be my **big chance**. (= opportunity for success)
He's retiring soon, so this is his **last chance**. (= final opportunity)

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form	the way in which sb is performing (sb in or on good/great form is performing well; sb who is off form is performing badly).
league	a set of teams who play each other over a season to find the best team.
a (good/bad) run	a period of performing well or badly.
unbeaten	not having lost.
promotion	the action of moving a team up to a higher league. be promoted v. OFF relegation n, be relegated v.
let sb down	fail to give sb the help and support they need.
under pressure	in a stressful situation, often because sb is forcing you to do sth in a certain way.
go to pieces	INF become very nervous or upset and unable to perform.
dominate	(in sport) play better than sb and be in control of the game. SYN be on top . dominant ADJ.
on the verge of sth	near to the moment of doing or achieving sth.
give sth away	lose a game, point, or competition through a bad mistake.

3. One word is missing in each line of the text. What is it and where does it go? In the first column write ONE WORD that precedes the missing word and in the second - write the missing word itself.

We've been good form recently, and last Saturday we started the match really well, and we the first half. Then, at the start of the second half, they put us a lot of pressure, and we gave a silly goal. After that, I'm afraid, we completely went pieces. I thought our goalkeeper, in particular, really let us. And after losing that game, we have no of promotion this year. In fact, if we go on playing badly, we could be at the end of the season.

Preceding word	Missing word
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

4. Rewrite the sentences on the left without changing the meaning.

1. They've done well recently. They've had a good _____.
2. She could win at the Olympics. The Olympics could be her big _____.
3. We could go up to the next league. We could be _____.
4. We're close to victory. We're on the _____.
5. We haven't lost this season. We are _____.
6. Recently he's been playing badly. Recently he's been off _____.
7. We dominated most of the game. For most of the game we were on _____ / _____ (write two options).