

NBC NEWS: Spain defeats England 2-1 to win Euro 2024 final

Nico Williams and Mikel Oyarzabal both scored as Spain claimed its record fourth tournament title.



Aymeric Laporte of Spain celebrates with the UEFA Euro 2024 Henri Delaunay Trophy after his team's victory during the final match between Spain and England at Olympiastadion in Berlin on Sunday. Alex Pantling / Getty Images

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Champions of Europe once again.

Spain defeated England 2-1 on Sunday in Berlin to claim the European Championship. The result was its fourth tournament victory, breaking a tie with Germany for the most in history.





The difference-making goal came in the 86th minute as Mikel Oyarzabal tapped home a cross into the box from Marc Cucurella. England had a chance to equalize minutes later on close headers by Declan Rice and Marc Guehi, but both were blocked.

Spain controlled most of the first half but failed to break through.

That changed almost immediately into the second.

Just two minutes after halftime, Spanish forward Lamine Yamal received the ball on the right flank. He attacked the middle of the field and led a perfect pass to Nico Williams streaking up the left side of the penalty box. Williams one-timed the shot into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

England evened the score in the 73rd minute. Bukayo Saka, moving down the right side, found Jude Bellingham in the middle of the penalty box. Bellingham passed the ball back just outside the box to a streaking Cole Palmer, who drilled a long-range shot into the back of the net for the equalizer.

But in the end, it wasn't enough.

"I'm euphoric. I'm really happy. We deserved it," Williams said after the game. "Our parents, the fans, everyone who has been supporting us every day. And here we are, European champions. I'm so happy and wish we can keep going and go for the World Cup."

Sunday's result is the culmination of an incredible tournament for Spain. It was undefeated in seven games with 15 goals while surrendering only four. It was also a coming-out party for breakout star Yamal, a 17-year-old forward who became the youngest player ever to score at a Euros with his screamer against France in the semifinals.



"He's a fantastic player," England captain Harry Kane said last week. "At 17 years old, to do this in a tournament like this says a lot about him. You can see he plays without fear, with freedom, enjoying himself. He's going to be one of the most difficult players in the match. I want to congratulate him on what he's done so far."

England once again fell short of winning its first European Championship and its first major trophy since it won the World Cup in 1966. Gareth Southgate's team finished as runners-up in the Covid-delayed 2020 tournament in 2021, losing to Italy on penalty kicks.



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English Worksheet : A2 level

Topic : European soccer

Grammar focus : Simple past

A) Listening

Objective : Students will listen to the summary of the NBC News article : « Spain defeats England 2-1 to win Euro 2024 final » and answer the following questions correctly.

Instructions :

1. Pre-listening : Before to star listening to the audio, talk with the class about Sport tastes and whether you follow any particular team to amuse the class.
2. Listening : Play the article audio twice and answer the following questions with the corresponding information provided in the audio.

Questions

1. Which teams played the Euro final and what was the final score ?
2. Who were the scorers of each team ?
3. How many goals did Spain score in the entire Euro ?

4. Where was the final played ?

B) Reading

Objective : Students will read the article and analyze the text to answer the following questions with the corresponding information.

Instructions :

1. Students will read the article to understand the text.
2. After reading the article, students will answer the following questions related to the text with the correct information.

Questions

1. How many times has Spain won the euro ?
2. At what stadium and on what date was the final played ?
3. Who scored the winning goal of the match ?
4. What were the emotions after Niko Williams' match ?
5. What historical fact did the player Lamine Yamal achieve during the euro ?

C) Writing

Objective : Students will write sentences using the simple past structure to describe events of the past and tell stories.

Instructions :

1. Students will have to read the article again and identify both regular and irregular verbs in simple past, then, they will use them to write at least 6 logical sentences related with any history in past.

D) Speaking

Objective : Students will be able to use correctly the pas simple structure in a friendly conversation to talk about their activities that practiced before and stories or tales from the past.

Instructions :

1. Students will work in pairs to create a little conversation lasting about one minute where they talk and ask questions each other about the sports and activities that they used to practice before.

E) Use of english

Objective : Focus on vocabulary and grammatical structures of the simple past used in the article presented

1. Vocabulary exercise : search in the article 5 words related to football and use them in a sentence each one in simple past

2. Grammar exercise : Search in the article 4 verbs in their past form both regulars (2) and irregulars (2) and transform each verb in his present form writing them in a sentence, both in the present and simple past form using the same verb (8 sentences in total)

Present form	Simple past form