

Unit 5 Reading Worksheet 2

Name _____

1 Read the title, look at the photos and tick (✓) the words you might find in the article.

problem ☐

challenge ☐

salary ☐

championship ☐

training ☐

season ☐

match ☐

reporters ☐

title ☐

A Day to

REMEMBER

Not many people knew about the Foxes in 2015 except for the loyal fans of the football team from Leicester. They were not in a good shape and their future looked uncertain.

Their chances of winning in 2016 were 5,000 to 1, which meant not many were going to **bet** on the team. The owner did not care. He hired a new coach, Claudio Ranieri, and he changed the team's



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strategy without changing the players. He did not have the best players in the league, but he didn't **give up**. While others were busy paying attention to other important clubs like Manchester United or Arsenal, the Leicester Foxes were training hard and preparing for the season of a lifetime.

When the 2015-2016 season started, the team won 8 out of 9 matches in the regular season. Their offense was scoring, but their defense was not strong. Ranieri had an idea: he offered to buy pizza for the players if they stopped other teams from scoring goals. The coach had to buy a lot of pizzas after that!

At the end of the season, the team won 23 games, tied 11 and lost only 3 matches, and Leicester became the champion of the English Premier League.

Can you imagine? When the announcement was made, people were **cheering** like never before. This was the first ever title for the club. The players



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told newspapers that the key to their triumph was teamwork. Of course, they also said this was a day no one would ever forget.

Sometimes surprises in sports make all fans happy, even if they aren't real followers of one team. When an **underdog beats the odds** and wins an important match or tournament, we all cheer.

2 Read again and correct the information.

1. Leicester's probability to win was very high.
2. The 2015-2016 championship was the second title in the team's history.
3. The players said pizza was the main cause for their win.
4. The team lost a total of 14 matches.
5. Leicester's team is also called the Underdogs.
6. The owner didn't get a new coach for the clubs.
7. Manchester United and Arsenal are minor clubs.

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Guess What!

Leicester is pronounced /lestə/. Not many knew how to pronounce it correctly before the team's big win.

Glossary

bet: to gamble, to play for money

give up: to surrender, to stop making an effort

cheer: to celebrate by shouting

underdog: the least favourite

beat the odds: to win under very difficult circumstances