

EURO 2020: FANTASY FOOTBALL – AUF DEUTSCH!

Teacher's Notes

In celebration of this summer's UEFA Euro 2020 tournament, Mingalaba and the Goethe-Institut London are teaming up to launch an exciting "Fantasy Football" activity in German, with the option to enter a national competition for the most enthusiastic schools and pupils. This project is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK.

Pupils will have a set budget to build their own 5-a-side team of players featuring at Euro 2020, scoring points from their chosen players' real-life performance throughout the tournament. Players will earn points for goals scored, assists and clean sheets, and lose points for own goals and yellow and red cards. Don't worry if you're not familiar with some of the football terminology – all is explained in the "**Nützliche Wörter & Phrasen**" PowerPoint presentation included in the materials.

Throughout the tournament, which kicks off on Friday 11th June 2021, we will track the score of every team that enters the national competition and provide regular updates to reveal the highest scorers.

When building their team, pupils will be challenged to provide more information in German, differentiated according to their level, about their chosen players or their reasons for selecting them. Key vocabulary, structures and an explanation of terminology are provided in the "**Nützliche Wörter & Phrasen**" PowerPoint presentation, which you can use in class before running the activity. We have also provided hints and tips to help pupils build their team, so no assumed knowledge of football is required to take part.

Pupils can participate individually or in groups and, while it is largely a pupil-led activity, it will require a designated member of school staff to coordinate in school and take responsibility for entering your group(s), should you wish to enter the national competition. We have created an A3 **Promotional Poster** for you to hang up on noticeboards to attract pupils' attention, as well as an A3 **Wallchart** to follow the tournament. The poster and wallchart can both be printed in A4, if you prefer, by amending your print settings.

Please read through these Teacher's Notes carefully to ensure you and your pupils know what to do from start to finish. Remember, this is intended to be a fun activity for pupils of all abilities to tackle, exercise their language and decision-making skills and, above all, help bring languages to life!

The activity

Pupils have €20 million to spend on 5 players who will compete at Euro 2020. The players have been given a value, so pupils must ensure they do not overspend.

Rules:

- A team must consist of 1 goalkeeper, 1 defender, 1 midfielder, 1 striker; plus 1 extra defender, midfielder or striker
- The selected players must be from 5 different countries
- The overall cost of the team must not exceed €20 million
- Players must be selected from the **Player List** provided
- If entering the national competition, no further changes to a pupil's team are permitted once the team has been submitted, unless a player withdraws from Euro 2020 before the start of the tournament.

Points system:

We will be applying the following points system for teams entered into the national competition. If you prefer to run this activity in school and not enter the national competition, you are welcome to use the same points system, or devise your own.

	GOAL	ASSIST	CLEAN SHEET	1-3 GOALS CONCEDED	4+ GOALS CONCEDED	OWN GOAL	YELLOW CARD	RED CARD
GOALKEEPER	6	2	3	-1	-3	-2	-1	-3
DEFENDER	5	2	3	-1	-3	-2	-1	-3
MIDFIELDER	4	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2	-1	-3
STRIKER	3	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2	-1	-3

Example:

Jake, in Year 8, chooses **Marcus Rashford** (Striker, England) to be in his team, alongside 4 other players from different countries. Ellie, in Year 9, chooses **Antonio Rüdiger** (Defender, Germany) plus 4 others.

England win a match 2-0, with Rashford scoring both goals. However, he received a yellow card during the match. As a striker, Rashford would earn 6 points for the 2 goals (3 points per goal), minus 1 point for the yellow card, giving him an overall score of 5 points for Jake from that match.

Germany also win 2-0. Rüdiger scored 1 goal and kept a clean sheet. So, as a defender, Rüdiger would score 5 points for the goal, plus another 3 points for the clean sheet, earning 8 points overall for Ellie from that match.

The other 4 players in Jake and Ellie's teams will also score points in the same way, with total scores for each pupil being calculated after each game at Euro 2020.

Enter your pupils' teams to the national competition using the **Online Entry Form** (explained below) and we will centrally manage the points system, providing you with regular updates throughout the tournament.

Note: A German version of the points system, as well as the English one above, can be found in the “**Pupil Rules**” PowerPoint presentation, should you wish to share this with your pupils. This also contains a summary of the selection rules mentioned above.

Activity sheets & materials:

You should receive the following materials upon registering. **Please note that the Player List and all Team Builder Worksheets will be sent once the players competing at Euro 2020 have been confirmed by each participating country.**

File name	Release Date	Description	File type
Promotional Poster	20/5	Use this to promote the competition in school.	PDF
Nützliche Wörter und Phrasen	20/5	Common football words in English and German to help build vocabulary and structures, as well as explanations of terminology for non-football fans, to prepare pupils for building their teams.	PowerPoint
Pupil Rules	20/5	Summary of competition rules for pupils, as well as English and German versions of the scoring system.	PowerPoint
Player List	26/5	All Euro 2020 players listed by country and position, as well as their value and tips for non-football fans. Pupils can navigate through the Interactive PDF file by clicking the arrows, icons and country names.	Interactive PDF
Team Builder Worksheet (Beginner)	26/5	Pupils list their 5 players, calculate their team’s total cost and describe their chosen players’ position and country.	PDF
Team Builder Worksheet (Intermediate)	26/5	As Beginner, plus: Pupils provide short sentences to explain why they have chosen each player.	PDF
Team Builder Worksheet (Advanced)	26/5	As Intermediate, plus: Pupils give stronger reasons for their selections and debate who has the strongest team with their classmates and teachers.	PDF
Online Entry Form	26/5	For pupils to complete themselves if they are entering the national competition. Accessed via the link or QR code in the Pupil Rules PowerPoint. See guidelines below.	Online Form
Competition Consent Form	20/5	If entering pupils into the national competition, we will need their parent/guardian to complete and return this consent form. If a parent/guardian does not give consent, the pupil can still be entered, but we may not be able to include them in any public-facing updates throughout the tournament.	PDF
Wallchart	20/5	Follow the tournament in the classroom with your pupils in German.	PDF

Entering the competition

We encourage you to enter your pupils into the national competition, where we will centrally manage the points system for all entrants and send weekly updates.

Image consent:

All pupils entering the competition must return a completed consent form from their parent/guardian.

You should receive the consent form with your materials upon registering. Please collate and scan the completed consent forms and email them to teacher-services-london@goethe.de before asking your students to complete the Online Entry Form (see below).

If a parent/guardian does not consent, the pupil can still enter, however we would not be able to include them in any public-facing updates throughout the tournament.

To enter your pupils to the competition:

- Run the task in school using the Team Builder Worksheet appropriate for their level
- Check their teams adhere to the selection rules - teams that do not comply with the rules will not be entered
- Scan and email each pupils' completed consent form to teacher-services-london@goethe.de
- Get pupils to complete this [Online Entry Form](#) either by sharing the link or have them scan this QR code, which can also be found in the "Pupil Rules" PowerPoint presentation:



When completing the Online Entry Form, it is important that pupils spell their chosen players' name correctly, exactly as it appears on the Player List. For example, if they have chosen "Manuel Neuer", they should type "Manuel Neuer" in the Online Entry Form, and not "Neuer". We will monitor this and amend accidental spelling mistakes, but it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure your pupils take care when entering the players' names.

Please also try to ensure that all pupils use a consistent school name, for example: "Green Park Academy", rather than "Green Park" or "GPA".

We will provide weekly updates on:

- The highest scoring pupils nationally (by email, online and on social media, provided we have received completed consent forms for those pupils)

- The highest scoring schools nationally (by email, online and on social media, using a pupil points average score)
- Your pupils' scores (to the designated teacher's email only)

PLEASE DO NOT ASK PUPILS TO CONTACT US DIRECTLY!

FAQs:

Is there a limit to the number of pupils we enter?

No, the more the merrier!

What is the entry deadline?

Pupils entering the national tournament must have submitted their team using the **Online Entry Form** by Wednesday 9th June at 13:00.

Can pupils work in groups or must they enter individually?

We believe this task is best done individually, however, if you would like your pupils to work in groups, we recommend a maximum of 4.

Do we have to enter the national tournament?

No, by all means use the materials in school and leave it at that. However, we are sure that your pupils will enjoy the competitive nature of "Fantasy Football" and keeping track of their teams' points. You are welcome to devise your own scoring system if you prefer, but as it can get quite intricate, we are running the competition to take that hassle away from you. Plus, it's more fun when it's competitive, especially with other schools across the UK!

Is there a cost to participate?

No, it is completely free to register, access the materials and enter the competition.

Will you be doing a similar activity for future events, such as the Women's Euros in 2022?

Hopefully, yes! This year's project is a pilot. All being well, we'd love to do another one next year for the Women's European Championship – especially as that is being hosted here in the UK!

Will pupils be disqualified for spelling mistakes?

No. However, please ensure they take care to spell players' names correctly. This is so that our system can accurately track their scores, which relies on accurate spelling. On that note, it is also important that pupils write the players' full name, exactly as it appears in the **Player List**. So, if they are choosing Manuel Neuer to be in their team, they need to write "Manuel Neuer" and not just "Neuer", for example.

Is there a prize for winning schools/pupils?

Yes – watch this space!

Can a player be selected by more than one pupil?

Yes, there are no restrictions on who pupils choose in their team, apart from those outlined in the **Pupil Rules**.

Who can I contact for further queries?

Please email teacher-services-london@goethe.de

TEACHER CHECKLIST:

Before launching the competition in school:

- Identify the students with whom you would like to run the competition, and whether they will participate individually or in groups of up to 4;
- Print out the **Promotional Poster** (received upon registration) to promote uptake in school, especially if offered as an extra-curricular or optional task;
- Spend some time running through the “**Nützliche Wörter und Phrasen**” PowerPoint to cover key vocabulary if needed;
- Identify which **Team Builder Worksheet(s)** you will use with your group(s) based on their level;
- Engage your Senior Leadership Team to gain support with pupils entering the competition;
- For pupils entering the competition, collate and scan the completed **Consent Forms** from their parent/guardian and email them to teacher-services-london@goethe.de

Completing the task:

- Ensure pupils have access to the “**Player List**” Interactive PowerPoint so they can choose their players;
- Provide them with the appropriate **Team Builder Worksheet(s)** based on their level. Pupils can complete the task during lesson time, during form period, as an extra-curricular activity or as a homework task;
- Set a clear deadline for your pupils to submit their teams for you to check that they have adhered to the rules;
- Encourage other schools to take part!

Entering the competition:

- Once you have checked your pupils’ teams, share with them the link or QR code to the **Online Entry Form** so that they can enter their own teams;
- Remind them to take care with ensuring they spell the players’ names correctly, including first names, exactly as they appear in the **Player List**;
- Agree on a consistently written school name for each pupil to adhere to on the **Online Entry Form**, avoiding abbreviations where possible;
- **The deadline for pupils to enter their team using the Online Entry Form is Wednesday 9th June at 13:00.**

After submitting:

- Print out the **Wallchart** and follow the tournament with your pupils in German;
- Wait for our weekly updates throughout the tournament, which will be by email, online and on social media!