



Premier Champions

Who are Liverpool FC?

- Liverpool FC are one of the most famous football clubs in the world.
- They have won the 2020 Premier League and their manager is Jürgen Klopp.

Photo: Liverpool FC have won the Premier League.

Liverpool Win the Premier League

Liverpool are Premier League champions! It's the first time in 30 years that they have won the football league.

It's been a memorable time for Liverpool fans recently. In June 2019, they won the Champions League. It's one of the biggest football club **tournaments** in Europe. They have also won the UEFA Super Cup and the Club World Cup.

Liverpool fans, though, will have to wait to celebrate with the players. The players will have to wait to lift the Premier League trophy until the last game.

The news comes as sports fans **reflect** on an unusual year so far. Football matches stopped because of the coronavirus lockdown.

The Premier League then restarted on 17th June. Things are a bit different now, though. For example, there are no cheering fans watching inside the stadiums.

Instead, they have to support their team at home. They can either listen on the radio or watch the action on TV.

Other sports have had to change their plans as well. The Olympic Games were

going to happen in Tokyo this year, but it will take place next year. Organisers cancelled Wimbledon, a tennis tournament, this year.

Other sports are hoping to begin again soon as well. The Tour de France, the biggest cycling competition in the world, is planned to begin at the end of August.

In July, international men's cricket between England and the West Indies will be played in July, but there will be no supporters in the ground.

Despite all this, 2020 will be a year Liverpool fans will remember.

Glossary

- league** A competition where teams play each other. The team with the most points wins.
- champions** Winners of a competition.
- reflect** To think about something.
- tournament** A competition between different teams or players.

Questions

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- 30 years ago
- 40 years ago

2. Why has it been 'a memorable time' for Liverpool fans?

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Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'unusual' in this sentence

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- natural
- unmemorable
- uneventful

4. Draw a line to match the event to what has happened to it in 2020.

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Premier League	planned to start in July
international cricket	cancelled in 2020
Olympic Games	moved to 2021

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Answers

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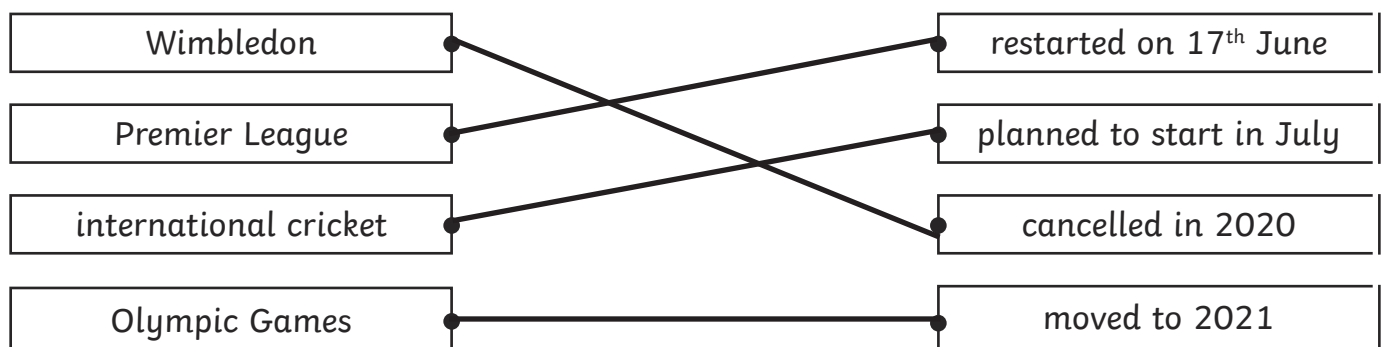
Accept any answer which refers to the fact that Liverpool winning trophies in the last year, e.g. I think it has been 'a memorable time' for Liverpool fans because their team has won a number of trophies in the last year.

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Accept any reasonable summary that refers to the story and is 20 words or fewer in length, e.g. Liverpool have won the Premier League. It's the first time in 30 years that they have won the football league.