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## Should stadiums be used for more than just football?

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK. The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 spectators and will also be used for many other things, including concerts. It is thought the new development will be built close to the club's existing stadium, Old Trafford. Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be demolished.



- Look at this week's poster, and talk about what you can see. Do you know what this week's story could be about?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource, which is about the proposed new stadium. Do you believe it is a good idea overall?
- If you could design a new stadium, what might you include? What features do you feel are important?
- Talk about who you think the stadium is for. Is it for the fans, the players, the community, everyone? Who should have a say in any decisions for the new stadium?
- Watch this week's useful video, which provides more information about the design and plans for the stadium, and share your thoughts.
- Do you have a football stadium close to where you live? Have you ever visited it?
- Do you think football stadiums should have other uses? What else could they be used for?

### Reflection

Whether it's for concerts, community events, or even classrooms, a stadium can be more than just a place for football. It can be a place that brings people together, just like the sport itself.

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## KS1 focus

### What are some of the most famous stadiums around the world?



- Have a think about the word 'stadium'. What do you think this might mean?
- A stadium is a large building, where people can come together to watch things, such as sporting events or music concerts.
- Have you been to a stadium before, or have you ever seen one on the television? If so, can you remember where the stadium was and what it is called? Why did you go there/why were you watching it on the television? If you visited one, who did you go with? Share and discuss the children's experiences of stadiums, then create a thought shower of ideas together.
- Can you remember any details of the way the stadium looked? What shape was the building? Was it tall or short? Was it a round structure or did it have straight sides? What was it like inside? Add these details to your thought shower.
- Look at resource 1, which shares some examples of four different stadiums from around the world. Why do you think they might be famous?
- What do you think about any of the designs of these stadiums? What do you like, or dislike, about them?
- Think about the stadiums' capacities (the maximum amount of people that can be inside). Which stadium has the largest capacity? Which one has the smallest?

### Reflection

Stadiums can be built in all sorts of different shapes and sizes. They are special buildings that bring people together via their shared interest and create great times of celebration and fun!

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## KS2 focus

### How do football clubs support their local communities?



- Have you ever been somewhere large and exciting, like a big concert hall, theatre, or stadium? What was it like being there?
- What does it mean for a football club to be part of a community? If you support a club or team, how does it make you feel connected to others?
- Why do you think some people feel a strong connection to their local club? How might football clubs support people who aren't fans or don't go to matches?
- Look at resource 2, which outlines some ways that football clubs and players support people in their local community. Did you know this outreach was taking place? How does it make you feel?
- Can you think of any other examples where a club has supported people in the community? Has your local club (if you have one) ever done a special event or fundraised for a local cause?
- Why might clubs or players find themselves in a good position to help people that live nearby? Think about the money, attention, and number of fans a club can attract. How could these things be used to do good in the community?
- Do you think clubs should be responsible for helping their communities? Why? What other companies or organisations could help in the community?
- How could you find out more about community initiatives happening in your local area?

### Reflection

Football clubs can be powerful forces for good - helping local people, creating opportunities, and supporting communities far beyond the pitch.

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## KS2 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

Choose a football club or another organisation you're interested in, and find out one way it helps people in its local community. This could be through foodbank collections, free sports sessions, mental health support, or any other community project. Make some notes, then create a fact-file or a poster to share your findings. You might want to include:

- The club/organisation's name.
- What the project does.
- Who it helps.
- Why it's important.

You can add any pictures, fun facts, or quotes you find along the way. If you can, present it to your class to spread the word!

### Option 2

Schools are a central part of many communities, just like football clubs can be! Think about the ways your class or school could help people in your local community. Talk in small groups and share your ideas - what could you do to support others? You might want to organise a litter pick, make cards for a care home, hold a fundraiser, or something else! Choose one idea and plan what you need to do to make it happen:

- What will you need?
- Who will help?
- How can you let people know?

Present your group's idea to the class, then vote on which project you'd like to try first! Working together, you can make a real difference.

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## KS1 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

Let's design a special new stadium! You can create a list of shared ideas as a class, or create one on your own.

You might like to think about:

- Who will use the stadium, and what will its name be?
- The shape of your stadium – will it be a curved building or have straight sides?
- What material will your stadium be made of? E.g., glass, metal, wood.
- Will it have windows? What interesting shape could they be? Will they be small or large?
- What will the capacity be? What will the seating area inside be like?
- Will your stadium have any special features? E.g., lights that change colour, a roof that closes when it rains.

### Option 2

Sometimes, before an important new building is created, people make something called a 'time capsule'. This is like a special memory box, that is filled with different things from the time the building was being constructed. The time capsule is then buried in the ground, in the hope that one day in the future, it will be discovered, and people will learn about the past and when the building was made. If you were to make a time capsule to be buried in the ground, what would you like to put inside? Here are some ideas:

- A recent newspaper.
- A photograph of the place before the building was built and the plans for the design.
- A letter with some interesting facts.
- Some coins.

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## This week's useful websites

### This week's news story

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/c3d80p2v0x9o>

### This week's useful video

Manchester United's new stadium  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYiu3QH1Ua4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYiu3QH1Ua4)

### This week's Virtual Picture News

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

### This week's vocabulary

#### Demolished

When a building or structure is completely destroyed or torn down.

Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be **demolished**.

#### Design

A plan or drawing, that helps people when creating a new building, product or project.

Look at some of the **designs** for the new stadium. Share which parts you like the most and why.

#### Manchester United

A football club from Manchester, in the northwest of England, which was founded in 1878.

English football club, **Manchester United**, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK.

#### Spectators

The people who watch an event, such as a sport, concert or performance.

The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 **spectators** and will also be used for many other things, including concerts.

#### Stadium

A large building, typically used to host sporting or entertainment events, which features a playing field or stage. It often has tiered seating for spectators.

Manchester United's current **stadium**, Old Trafford, has been the team's home since 1910.

#### Trident

A long spear with three prongs, that looks similar to a fork.

It will have masts, inspired by the team's **trident** logo, and the tallest will be higher than any other building in Manchester.