

# The FA Cup

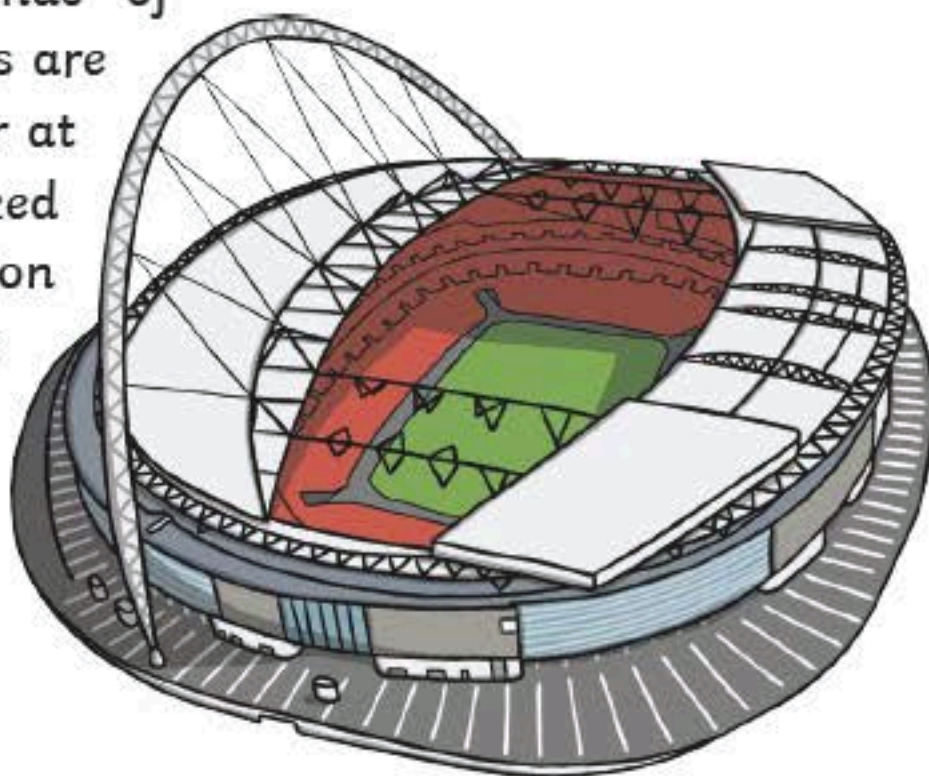
The FA Cup is the Football Association Challenge Cup. It is a men's football tournament and the oldest cup competition in the world.

## Fantastic Facts!

- **Arsenal** and **Manchester United** have won the most times: 12!
- **Ashley Cole** has the most individual wins.
- The women's tournament is called the **FA Women's Cup**.
- The FA Cup now has **86 000 spectators!**
- **875 million** people watched the 2016 final across the world!
- The first final shown on TV was in **1937**.
- The semi-finals and finals are played at **Wembley Stadium**.

## What Happens?

Any club in the top ten levels of the English Football League can enter the competition by registering. The tournament is organised into 12 rounds of matches where the teams are picked to play each other at random. The higher-ranked teams join the competition later. The semi-finals come next and then the finals.





## What Do They Win?

The winning football team are given a trophy on loan for under a year, called the Football Association Cup (the FA Cup). The cup has ribbons from both teams decorating it during the final and then the loser's ribbon is removed. The engraver has only 5 minutes to engrave the winning team on the base of the cup at the final!

The players, staff and officials are given 30 winners medals for the winning team and 30 runners-up medals for the losing team.

