

"Football fan fury over European Super League"

GAP FILL

The plan created by Europe's top football clubs to create a breakaway super league seems to be (1) falling apart less than 48 hours after it was launched. A group of 12 of the (2) richest football teams in Europe announced they would take (3) part in the European Super League (ESL) starting in August. This created fury among fans, (4) players, managers, Premier League teams and even the British Prime Minister and Britain's Prince William. They all said the new league would (5) destroy football. They said it was created by (6) greedy club owners. There has been so much anger that top clubs Chelsea and Manchester City are already preparing to (7) withdraw from the ESL due a (8) backlash from fans.

Six of England's richest teams agreed to (9) participate in the breakaway ESL, including Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal. Top teams from Spain (including Barcelona) and Italy also (10) signed up. No teams from Germany and France are involved, making the ESL (11) less European. In Germany, teams are 51-per-cent owned by fans, so (12) fan power is bigger in Germany than in England. The UK government said it will take "(13) whatever action is necessary," including legal options, to stop the ESL. Fourteen Premier League clubs said they would take legal (14) action to expel the six English clubs from the Premier League. Football's governing (15) bodies FIFA and UEFA said players who played in the ESL could be (16) banned from the World Cup.

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Answers:

1. Julie wasn't at home, she had gone to the shops.
2. We've already had lunch.
3. This was the first time she had done her homework
4. They have begun painting the living room.
5. We have kept this secret for three years.
6. He has never driven a motorbike before.
7. I have been sick all week.
8. By the time we arrived, the children had eaten all the chocolate.
9. The books had fallen off the table, and were all over the floor.
10. "Are you okay?" "I have felt better."
11. I had lent my umbrella to John, so I got wet.
12. I've been looking for ages, but I haven't found my keys yet.
13. The birds have flown south for the winter.
14. She has finally come.
15. Don't worry, we haven't forgotten about the meeting.
16. It had become very cold, so we went inside.
17. You have bought a lot of new clothes recently.
18. I'd got a lovely new bike for my birthday, so I was keen to try it.
19. She'd brought a cake to the party, but we didn't eat it.
20. Have you chosen your university yet?
21. Have you ever drunk Turkish coffee?
22. I've given some money to Julia.
23. Had you heard of this band before you came to the USA?
24. She has known about the problem for three months.
25. Why has John left already?

Answers:

1. We haven't gone / been to Paris.
2. She hasn't seen 'The Lord of the Rings'.
3. He hasn't met my mother.
4. They haven't visited St. Paul's.
5. I haven't known him for three months.
6. You haven't studied French for ten years.
7. They haven't been in London for six months.
8. He hasn't hurt his leg.
9. She hasn't left her phone in a taxi.
10. We haven't lost our tickets.
11. She hasn't made dinner.
12. They haven't arrived yet.
13. Lucy hasn't done her homework.
14. I haven't read that book.
15. He hasn't lived in Berlin.
16. John hasn't bought any food.
17. She hasn't cleaned the kitchen.
18. You haven't called me.
19. We haven't found the book yet.
20. They haven't slept well.

Answers:

1. How long are you staying in Paris?
2. Are you drinking tea?
3. Where are you staying?
4. Why are you watching TV now?
5. Is she working in a bar?
6. What is he doing?
7. Why is she calling her friend now?
8. Am I losing weight?
9. Are we working tomorrow?
10. When are you arriving?
- ~~11. Is he taking dance classes?~~
- ~~12. Is she staying in a hotel?~~
- ~~13. How much is he eating?~~
- ~~14. How long are you staying in China?~~
- ~~15. Is she studying in the library now?~~
- ~~16. Are you coming?~~
- ~~17. Are they renting a car?~~
- ~~18. When are they having a barbeque?~~
- ~~19. What is Julie doing tonight?~~
20. Are you feeling sleepy?

Answers:

1. Julie said that she would join us after work.
2. She told me that she was going running this evening.
3. John told us that he couldn't come to the party.
4. John said that he had been to the cinema at the weekend.
5. She told them she wanted to quit.
6. David said he was going to arrive at eight.
7. They said that they didn't want to meet us on Tuesday.
8. I told him I wasn't impressed.
9. Lucy told Julie that she was leaving on Wednesday.
10. We said that we were going on holiday the following week.
11. Jack told my mother he would be in Spain this week.
12. I said that I hated mushrooms.
13. She said she loved chocolate.
14. They said they were meeting Luke today.
15. They told us they were going to the museum this afternoon.
16. He said he wouldn't start without us.
17. I told them I'd bring pudding.
18. Jonathan said it would rain today.
19. They told us that it was fine to come late.
20. The boss told me that I should do some more work on this report.