

# **Zinedine Zidane: Football Star**

## **Part 1: Basic Comprehension Questions**

### **Questions**

1. When was Zinedine Zidane born?
2. Where did Zidane grow up?
3. What was the name of Zidane's first professional team?
4. Which team did Zidane play for in Italy?
5. In what year did Zidane move to Real Madrid?
6. How many goals did Zidane score in the 1998 World Cup final?
7. What bad thing did Zidane do in the 2006 World Cup final?
8. What job did Zidane do after he stopped playing?
9. How many Champions League titles did Zidane win as a coach of Real Madrid?
10. How many sons does Zidane have?

### **Answers**

1. June 23, 1972
2. In La Castellane, a poor area in Marseille, France
3. Cannes
4. Juventus
5. 2001
6. Two goals
7. He hit an Italian player with his head (headbutted a player)
8. He became a coach
9. Three (three in a row)
10. Four sons

## **Part 2: True or False**

### **Questions**

1. Zidane's parents were from France.
2. Zidane won the World Cup with France in 1998.
3. Zidane never won the European Championship.
4. Zidane was a defender on the field.
5. Zidane's special move is called the "Marseille turn" or "roulette."
6. Zidane won the FIFA World Player of the Year award five times.
7. Zidane likes to talk a lot to the press.
8. All of Zidane's sons play football.
9. Zidane was the most expensive player in the world when he moved to Real Madrid.
10. Zidane never came back to coach Real Madrid after leaving in 2018.

### **Answers**

1. False (They were from Algeria)

2. True
3. False (He won it in 2000)
4. False (He was a midfielder)
5. True
6. False (He won it three times)
7. False (He is known for being quiet and private)
8. True
9. True
10. False (He came back in 2019)

## Part 3: Fill in the Blanks

### Questions

Fill in the blanks with words from the glossary:

1. Zidane played in the middle of the field. He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the biggest international football tournament in the world.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who teaches and leads a sports team.
4. Zidane's parents came from \_\_\_\_\_, a country in North Africa.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a special prize given to the best football player each year.
6. In the 2006 World Cup final, Zidane received a \_\_\_\_\_ and had to leave the game.
7. After winning the 1998 World Cup, Zidane became a \_\_\_\_\_ in France.
8. The Champions League is a big \_\_\_\_\_ for the best football teams in Europe.
9. Zidane is known for his \_\_\_\_\_ work, helping poor children and people in need.
10. Zidane is respected for his \_\_\_\_\_ style on the field, moving in a smooth and nice way.

### Answers

1. midfielder
2. World Cup
3. coach
4. Algeria
5. Ballon d'Or
6. red card
7. national hero
8. competition/tournament
9. charity
10. elegant

## Part 4: Match the Years

### Questions

Match each year with the correct event in Zidane's life:

1. 1972 A. Zidane became coach of Real Madrid
2. 1992 B. Zidane scored a famous goal in the Champions League final
3. 1996 C. Zidane moved to Bordeaux
4. 1998 D. Zidane was born
5. 2000 E. Zidane moved to Juventus
6. 2001 F. Zidane's last World Cup
7. 2002 G. France won the European Championship
8. 2006 H. Zidane moved to Real Madrid
9. 2016 I. France won the World Cup
10. 2021 J. Zidane left Real Madrid as coach for the second time

## **Answers**

1. D (Zidane was born)
2. C (Zidane moved to Bordeaux)
3. E (Zidane moved to Juventus)
4. I (France won the World Cup)
5. G (France won the European Championship)
6. H (Zidane moved to Real Madrid)
7. B (Zidane scored a famous goal in the Champions League final)
8. F (Zidane's last World Cup)
9. A (Zidane became coach of Real Madrid)
10. J (Zidane left Real Madrid as coach for the second time)

## **Part 5: Discussion Questions**

### **Simple Questions for Speaking Practice**

1. Why do you think Zidane is a good football player?
2. Would you like to be a football player or coach? Why or why not?
3. What can we learn from Zidane's life story?
4. Do you think what Zidane did in the 2006 World Cup final was very bad? Why?
5. Who is your favorite football player? Why do you like them?

## **Part 6: Writing Activity**

### **Task 1: Write a Postcard**

Imagine you are watching a football game with Zinedine Zidane playing. Write a postcard to a friend about it. Use 30-50 words.

### **Task 2: Your Football Hero**

Write 5-8 simple sentences about your favorite football player or sports star. Use the Zidane biography as a model.

## **Part 7: Vocabulary Matching**

## Questions

Match each word with its definition:

1. Career A. A card shown when a player does something very bad
2. Tournament B. A big football competition in Europe
3. Award C. A competition with many games
4. Coach D. The jobs a person has during their life
5. Referee E. A prize given to someone who does something well
6. Red card F. A person who makes sure rules are followed in a game
7. Pass G. A person who teaches and leads a sports team
8. Charity H. Helping people who need help
9. Legacy I. To send the ball to another player
10. Champions League J. What people remember about you after you're gone

## Answers

1. D (The jobs a person has during their life)
2. C (A competition with many games)
3. E (A prize given to someone who does something well)
4. G (A person who teaches and leads a sports team)
5. F (A person who makes sure rules are followed in a game)
6. A (A card shown when a player does something very bad)
7. I (To send the ball to another player)
8. H (Helping people who need help)
9. J (What people remember about you after you're gone)
10. B (A big football competition in Europe)

## Part 9: Sentence Ordering Activity

### Questions

Put these sentences about Zidane's life in the correct order (1-8):

A. Zidane became the coach of Real Madrid. B. Zidane was born in Marseille, France. C. Zidane moved to Juventus in Italy. D. Zidane helped France win the World Cup. E. Zidane got a red card in the 2006 World Cup final. F. Zidane started playing for Cannes. G. Zidane moved to Real Madrid. H. Zidane stopped playing football.

### Answers

1. B (Zidane was born in Marseille, France.)
2. F (Zidane started playing for Cannes.)
3. C (Zidane moved to Juventus in Italy.)
4. D (Zidane helped France win the World Cup.)
5. G (Zidane moved to Real Madrid.)
6. E (Zidane got a red card in the 2006 World Cup final.)
7. H (Zidane stopped playing football.)
8. A (Zidane became the coach of Real Madrid.)

