

## # Reading Comprehension Questions: Matthias Sammer Answers

### True or False Questions

1. Matthias Sammer was born in West Germany.
2. His father was also a football player.
3. He started playing professional football at age 20.
4. He won the Champions League with Stuttgart.
5. He won the Ballon d'Or in 1996.
6. He played for both East and West Germany.
7. He stopped playing football because he was too old.
8. He worked as a coach after playing football.
9. He had black hair.
10. He never worked for Bayern Munich.

\*Answers: 1. False (East Germany), 2. True, 3. False (17), 4. False (Dortmund), 5. True, 6. True, 7. False (knee injury), 8. True, 9. False (red hair), 10. False (he was sports director)\*

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Sammer born?
  - a) Berlin
  - b) Dresden
  - c) Stuttgart
  - d) Munich
  
2. Which team did he play for first?
  - a) Bayern Munich
  - b) Stuttgart
  - c) Dynamo Dresden
  - d) Borussia Dortmund
  
3. How old was he when he had to stop playing?

- a) 28
- b) 29
- c) 30
- d) 31

4. What position did he change to at Stuttgart?

- a) Goalkeeper
- b) Striker
- c) Sweeper
- d) Midfielder

5. What special prize did he win in 1996?

- a) World Cup
- b) Ballon d'Or
- c) Champions League
- d) German Cup

\*Answers: 1.b, 2.c, 3.c, 4.c, 5.b\*

#### Fill in the Blanks

1. Sammer was born in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His father's name was \_\_\_\_\_ Sammer.
3. He won the Champions League in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He played \_\_\_\_\_ games for East Germany.
5. He had to stop playing because of a \_\_\_\_\_ injury.

\*Answers: 1. Dresden, 1967, 2. Klaus, 3. 1997, 4. 23, 5. knee\*

#### Short Answer Questions

1. Name three teams that Sammer played for.
2. What important thing happened in Germany in 1989?

3. What was special about his Ballon d'Or win?
4. What did he do after he stopped playing football?
5. How many German championships did he win with Dortmund?

\*Answers:

1. Any three from: Dynamo Dresden, Stuttgart, Borussia Dortmund
2. The Berlin Wall came down/Germany became one country
3. He was a defender/one of few defenders to win it
4. Any from: became a coach, sports director, TV expert
5. Two (1995, 1996)\*

Discussion Questions (For Speaking Practice)

1. Why do you think Sammer was such a special player?
2. How did German football change when the Berlin Wall came down?
3. What can young players learn from Sammer's story?
4. Why do you think he was good at both playing and coaching?
5. What makes a good football leader?

Writing Tasks

1. Write three sentences about Sammer's early life.
2. Write a paragraph about his success at Borussia Dortmund.
3. Write five important facts about his career change from player to coach.
4. Imagine you are a journalist in 1996. Write about him winning the Ballon d'Or.
5. Write a short paragraph about what made him different from other defenders.

Vocabulary Matching

1. Sweeper
2. Director
3. Championship
4. Leader
5. Professional

6. Injury
7. Success
8. Legacy

- a) Person who makes decisions
- b) Something that hurts your body
- c) Person who guides others
- d) Special kind of defender
- e) Doing well
- f) What you leave behind
- g) Big competition winner
- h) Doing something as a job

\*Answers: 1-d, 2-a, 3-g, 4-c, 5-h, 6-b, 7-e, 8-f\*

#### Timeline Activity

Put these events in the correct order:

- Won the Ballon d'Or
- Born in Dresden
- Moved to Stuttgart
- Started professional football
- Joined Borussia Dortmund
- Stopped playing football

\*Correct order:

1. Born in Dresden (1967)
2. Started professional football (1985)
3. Moved to Stuttgart (1990)
4. Joined Borussia Dortmund (1993)
5. Won the Ballon d'Or (1996)
6. Stopped playing football (1998)\*

### Team Activity

In groups, discuss and write down:

1. Three things that made Sammer different from other players
2. Three lessons we can learn from his life
3. Three reasons why he was successful
4. Three ways football has changed since his time

### Teacher Notes

- Questions are designed for A2 level students
- Mix individual and group activities
- Use pictures of Sammer to help students understand different periods
- Encourage discussion about German history and football
- Can be used for reading, writing, speaking, and listening practice
- Timeline activity helps with understanding sequence of events
- Vocabulary can be pre-taught before reading
- Activities can be adapted for different class sizes and levels

### Extension Activities

1. Compare Sammer with a modern defender
2. Create a poster about his career
3. Role-play an interview with Sammer
4. Write a newspaper article about his best achievement
5. Research more about German football history