



LISTENING: 2015 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

In order to do this task, you should follow these steps:

1. Listen to the podcast
2. Do the exercises below
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text

✓ **WORKSHEET**

1. Chelsea and Tottenham joined the tournament in the third round because...

- a) they were not classified to play the first and second round
- b) they didn't win all the previous matches to the third round
- c) they were involved in European competitions

2. Chelsea beat...

- a) Bolton, Spurs and Nottingham Forest
- b) Bolton, Shrewsbury, Derby County and Liverpool
- c) Brighton and Shrewsbury

3. Spurs defeated...

- a) Nottingham Forest, Brighton, Newcastle and Sheffield United
- b) Bolton, Shrewsbury and Derby County
- c) Sheffield United and Liverpool

4. According to the text, the manager that has won more trophies is...

- a) José Mourinho
- b) Mauricio Pochettino
- c) They have won the same amount of trophies.

5. Diego Costa, Didier Drogba and Remy are strikers from...

- a) Spurs
- b) Chelsea
- c) They don't belong to any of the teams mentioned above.

✓ VOCABULARY SUPPORT

- **Tier:** level, degree
- **Thrashing:** beating a team by a large score
- **Played over two legs:** played in two matches
- **To squeeze through:** just about win; a very tight game
- **To see off:** to defeat; to beat
- **Counterpart:** colleague
- **To call on from the bench:** to bring on as a substitute
- **My heart says a 2-0 Tottenham victory but my head says otherwise:** emotions say yes but logic says no.
- **Deep down:** in reality
- **Run out:** come to an end

✓ PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

This weekend sees the first of the English domestic trophies to be decided when London rivals Chelsea and Tottenham meet at Wembley in the 2015 League Cup Final.

Path to Wembley

As both clubs were involved in European competitions this season, they joined the tournament in the third round – that's the last 32 – and both ended up beating Championship sides.

Chelsea defeated Bolton 2-1, while Spurs came from behind to defeat Nottingham Forest 3-1. Spurs then beat another Championship side, Brighton, in the following round, while Chelsea avoided embarrassment with a win at fourth-tier side Shrewsbury. They then beat another lower-league side, Derby County, who are at the top of the Championship, in the fifth round winning 3-1, while Spurs also had a comfortable win, **thrashing** Newcastle 4-0 at home. The semi-finals were **played over two legs** and Tottenham managed **to squeeze through** against Division One side Sheffield United. Chelsea needed extra time **to see off** a strong Liverpool side to set up this weekend's final.

The Managers

The Chelsea Manager, José Mourinho, has won this particular trophy on two occasions (in 2005 and 2007) in addition to the four other trophies he's already won with Chelsea. Indeed, he's won 16 trophies in his managerial career, which gives him a

huge boost over his **counterpart** Mauricio Pochettino who has never won a trophy of any sort as a manager.

Strikers

Now both Chelsea and Tottenham have their main strikers very much in form this season: Harry Kane for Spurs and Diego Costa for the Blues. Costa has scored 17 times in his first season with Chelsea, while Kane has managed 14 in the League so far, not bad for the young forward who many saw as being only third choice at the start of the season. Chelsea can also call on the experience of Didier Drogba and the pace of Remy which may be crucial, while Spurs have only Spanish striker Roberto Soldado **to call on from the bench**.

2015 League Cup Final: Prediction

As a Spurs fan **my heart says a 2-0 Tottenham victory but my head says otherwise**. I think it will be a very close game but deep down I think that Chelsea will have too much for us and will **run out** winners.