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# Mbappé Scores Seventh Goal as Madrid Beat 10-Man Valencia

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## 1 Read

The number beside each paragraph helps you talk about it.

1 Kylian Mbappé scored his seventh goal in seven matches as Real Madrid beat Valencia 3-0 on Saturday. The French forward found the net in the second half after Federico Valverde and Arda Guler had already given Madrid a two-goal lead before the break. Mbappé's strike was his 13th league goal this season. He received a dangerous pass from Guler and beat goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski. Valencia were playing with 10 men at Mestalla stadium during the match.

2 Elsewhere in Europe, Bayern Munich beat Mainz 2-1 in the Bundesliga. Harry Kane provided two assists, one for Joshua Kimmich and one for 18-year-old Lennart Karl. However, Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer had to leave the field at half-time because of a recurring foot injury. Neuer, who is 40 years and 225 days old, became the club's oldest player. Data from Sofascore, which uses Opta records, showed that Neuer had made five errors leading to goals in his previous 17 Bundesliga matches. In comparison, he made 10 such errors across 248 earlier appearances.

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## 2 Key words

**found the net** /faʊnd ðə net/ *idiom*
scored a goal in a football match
*The striker found the net twice in the second half to secure the win.*

**strike** /straɪk/ *noun*
a goal scored by hitting or kicking the ball powerfully
*His powerful strike flew past the goalkeeper into the top corner.*

**recurring** /rɪˈkɜːrɪŋ/ *adjective*
happening again and again over a period of time
*The athlete was forced to miss several games because of a recurring knee problem.*

**provided** /prəˈvaɪdɪd/ *verb*
gave something needed or useful to another person, especially in sport (an assist)
*The midfielder provided three assists in a single match last season.*

**in comparison** /ɪn kəmˈpærɪsən/ *idiom*
used when looking at the difference between two things to show how they are similar or different
*In comparison, the first model of the phone had a much smaller screen.*

## 3 Grammar focus

### Relative clauses

**noun + who / which / where / whose + more information**

Relative clauses (who, which, whose, where) add information to a noun. Defining clauses identify it; non-defining clauses, set off by commas, add extra detail.

1. Neuer, who is 40 years and 225 days old, became the club's oldest player.
2. Data from Sofascore, which uses Opta records, showed that Neuer had made five errors leading to goals in his previous 17 Bundesliga matches.

*Find the noun that each clause describes.*

# 4 Reading comprehension

## EXERCISE 1 Reading Comprehension

3 points

*Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question.*

**1** What can be inferred about Mbappé's recent form from the text?

(a) He has scored in every match he has played recently.
(b) He only scores against teams playing with fewer than eleven players.
(c) He has scored thirteen goals in seven matches this season.
(d) He scored his first goal of the season against Valencia.

**2** Why does the author include the Sofascore and Opta statistics about Neuer?

(a) To prove that Neuer is the worst goalkeeper in the Bundesliga.
(b) To suggest that Neuer's recent form is worse than his long-term record.
(c) To compare Neuer with Harry Kane's performance.
(d) To explain why Neuer was substituted at half-time.

**3** Which statement about the Bayern Munich match is TRUE?

(a) Manuel Neuer scored two goals before being substituted.
(b) Bayern Munich lost the match because Neuer left the field.
(c) Harry Kane personally scored both of Bayern's goals.
(d) Lennart Karl is described as being 18 years old in the text.

## EXERCISE 2 Short Answer

*Answer the following questions in complete sentences using information from the text.*

**1** How many men were Valencia playing with during the match at Mestalla?

**2** Why did Manuel Neuer have to leave the field at half-time?

**3** Who did Harry Kane provide assists for during the Bayern Munich match?

## 5 Vocabulary and grammar practice

### EXERCISE 3 Contextual Grammar – Passive Voice and Reporting

3 points

*Complete each sentence using the verb in brackets in the correct form (passive voice, past participle, or reporting structure).*

1 Mbappé's goal _____ (score) after he received a dangerous pass from Guler.

2 According to data from Sofascore, the five errors _____ (record) as leading to goals in his previous 17 Bundesliga matches.

3 Neuer was reported _____ (become) the club's oldest player at 40 years and 225 days old.

### EXERCISE 4 Vocabulary Matching

5 points

*Match each term with its correct definition.*

1 found the net _____
2 strike _____
3 recurring _____
4 provided _____
5 appearances _____

A happening again and again over a period of time
B the number of times a player takes part in a match or competition
C a goal scored by hitting or kicking the ball powerfully
D scored a goal in a football match
E gave something needed or useful to another person, especially in sport

### EXERCISE 5 Put the sentences in order

4 points

*These sentences are from the story. Put them in the order they appear.*

A Mbappé's strike was his 13th league goal this season.
B Valencia were playing with 10 men at Mestalla stadium during the match.
C He received a dangerous pass from Guler and beat goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski.
D Elsewhere in Europe, Bayern Munich beat Mainz 2-1 in the Bundesliga.

Correct order: _____ _____ _____ _____

## 6 Guided writing

**EXERCISE 6** **Writing Summary**

*Write a short summary of the news report (80–130 words). Include what happened in both matches and give one reasoned opinion about Manuel Neuer's situation based on the information in the text. Write 80 to 130 words. Use these words: strike, recurring, in comparison, provided.*

# Answer key

For the teacher

Keep this page for yourself and copy only the pages before it. Short-answer and writing tasks list one possible answer.

## Exercise 1 Reading Comprehension

1. A. He has scored in every match he has played recently. The text says he scored his seventh goal in seven matches, meaning he has scored in every one of those recent matches.
2. B. To suggest that Neuer's recent form is worse than his long-term record. The text compares five errors in 17 matches with 10 errors in 248 matches, implying his recent error rate is higher.
3. D. Lennart Karl is described as being 18 years old in the text. The text explicitly states Karl is 18 years old. The other options contradict the passage.

## Exercise 2 Short Answer

1. Valencia were playing with 10 men during the match at Mestalla stadium. The text states: 'Valencia were playing with 10 men at Mestalla stadium during the match.'
2. Neuer had to leave the field because of a recurring foot injury. The text states: 'Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer had to leave the field at half-time because of a recurring foot injury.'
3. Harry Kane provided two assists, one for Joshua Kimmich and one for 18-year-old Lennart Karl. The text states: 'Harry Kane provided two assists, one for Joshua Kimmich and one for 18-year-old Lennart Karl.'

## Exercise 3 Contextual Grammar – Passive Voice and Reporting

1. was scored The passive voice is used because the focus is on the goal, not the person who scored it. Past simple passive: was + past participle.
2. were recorded The passive voice is appropriate here because the data (not a person) is doing the recording. Past simple passive: were + past participle.
3. to have become After reporting structures like 'was reported', we use the infinitive. Since the becoming happened before the reporting, 'to have become' is the best fit.

## Exercise 4 Vocabulary Matching

1. D. scored a goal in a football match
2. C. a goal scored by hitting or kicking the ball powerfully
3. A. happening again and again over a period of time
4. E. gave something needed or useful to another person, especially in sport
5. B. the number of times a player takes part in a match or competition

## Exercise 5 Put the sentences in order

A, C, B, D Mbappé's strike was his 13th league goal this season. He received a dangerous pass from Guler and beat goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski. Valencia were playing with 10 men at Mestalla stadium during the match. Elsewhere in Europe, Bayern Munich beat Mainz 2-1 in the Bundesliga.

## Exercise 6 Writing Summary

Real Madrid beat Valencia 3-0 as Mbappé added a seventh strike in seven matches, following first-half goals from Valverde and Guler. In other news, Bayern Munich defeated Mainz 2-1 with Harry Kane providing two assists for Kimmich and Karl. However, goalkeeper Neuer left the field at half-time due to a recurring foot injury. In comparison with his earlier career, his recent error rate has risen sharply, which raises concerns about whether he can continue at this level. One possible answer. Yours will be different and can still be good: check it against the list.