

## Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 24

### African Cup of Nations - By Numbers

By Damon Brewster (17th January, 2008)

#### Pre-Listening

##### A. Background information

- This year the African Cup of Nations will be held in Ghana in west Africa.
- The competition kicks off with a game between Ghana and Guinea on the 20th of January and finishes on the 10th of February.

##### B. Vocabulary

Check the meaning of these words before you start listening. Match them with the meaning on the right.

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