

Season 2008 / 9 - Post

Nationality Adjectives (Part 2) - Europe's top 10 FIFA ranked teams

(July 2009)

Vocabulary

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Russia	-
The Netherlands	-
Spain	- Spanish
Greece	-
England	- English
Croatia	-
Italy	-
Switzerland	-
France	-
Germany	-



Listening

Listen to the report and complete the table with details and notes.

Country	Rank	Notes
Spain	1	European champions / have not lost yet
Greece		Doing well / _____ / could be tough
	13	The game with Greece in September should be interesting
France		
	9	Second place in their group
Russia		Second place in their group / same group as _____
Germany		_____ / semi-finals last world cup
	7	_____ / Almost in South Africa
The Netherlands		Have not lost a game and top their group / _____
	4	Won the World Cup ____ times / should stay top ahead of _____

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Listening (with transcript)

Country	Rank	Notes
Spain	2	European champions / have not lost yet
Greece	11	Doing well / jumped up the rankings / ahead of Switzerland on goal difference
Switzerland	13	Third in their group / will be difficult to qualify / lost 2-1 to Spain
France	9	Second place in their group
Croatia	10	Second place in their group
Russia	6	Second place in their group / same group as Russia
Germany	5	Top of their group / semi finals last world cup
England	7	Have not lost a game and top their group / Almost in South Africa
The Netherlands	3	Have not lost a game and top their group / Almost in South Africa
Italy	4	Have won the World Cup 4 times / should stay top ahead of Ireland

The World Cup will take place next year in South Africa, Across the world countries are trying to qualify. In Europe, 53 teams are chasing 13 qualifying places. Let's take a look at the top 10 teams in Europe according to FIFA's ranking. Spain, the European champions, are ranked number two in the world. They are also doing well in their qualifying group. They are top and haven't lost yet. Greece will be happy to have jumped up to 11th in the world, and they are also doing well in qualifying. They are equal with Switzerland in their group, but ahead on goal difference. The game in September between the Greeks and the Swiss, who are 13th in the world, should be interesting. The other teams in our top ten list should be OK. France, Croatia and Russia are in second places in their groups - The French team are ranked 9th, one ahead of Croatia but three behind Russia. The Russians are in the same group as Germany, who were in the semi-finals in the last World Cup. The Germans are on top of their group and look comfortable. Joining Spain as teams that have not lost a game in qualifying and are top of their groups are England and the Dutch. Both these teams are almost in South Africa now. The Netherlands are ranked 3rd by FIFA and England 7th. Finally, there is Italy, who have won the World Cup four times and are ranked 4th. They are leading their group ahead of Ireland and should stay top.