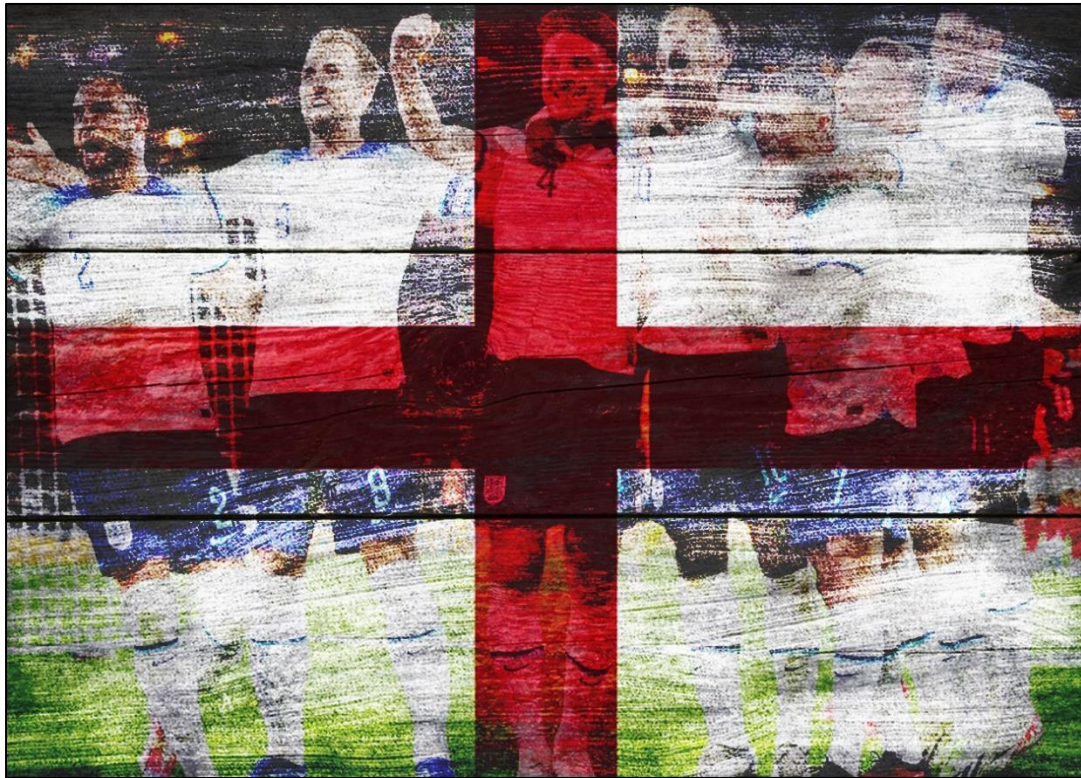


## England: On the cusp of success

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### Vocabulary

**Invented by**

**the thirst for success**

**forever on their minds**

**on home soil**

**since the heights of 1966**

**thus far**

### Meaning

If you create / invent something new, it is invented by you.

If you have thirst for success, you have a lot of passion or drive to achieve something.

This means that you are always thinking about something.

If you play on home soil, you are playing on your home ground. So, when England won the world cup in 1966, they played in England, on their home soil.

This refers to your most successful time. So, 1966 was England's most successful time.

This means 'so far.' Up until this point.

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## Vocabulary

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**a shambles**

**a bore fest**

**having that sinking feeling**

**dogged spirit,**

**a stiff upper lip**

**criticised heavily**

**A miracle**

**the fancied Dutch**

**on the back foot**

**attacked with vigour  
relentless**

**on the edge of my seat**

**on fire**

**the game was on a knife edge**

**on the cusp of success  
falter**

**roar their way to success**

## Meaning

If you are an avid England fan, you love England very much and always follow them.

This means a complete mess. Nothing has gone right.

If you describe something as a bore fest, it is very boring.

If you have that sinking feeling, you have a feeling that it won't go as planned and you will fail.

This means that you are very determined and will never give up.

Someone who does not show their feelings when upset and will just keep calm and carry on.

If someone criticises you, they talk about your faults and disapprove of what you have done. If they heavily criticise you, they talk about many of your faults and do so regularly.

Something amazing happened that was very unexpected.

If one team is fancied over the other, they are believed to be a better team and are expected to win.

If you are on the back foot, you are under pressure as the other team are attacking you. On the front foot means that you are the attacking team and putting the other team under pressure.

You attack with passion, drive, with a lot of energy. This means you are non-stop. If you attack relentlessly, you are non-stop attacking.

This means that you are watching something very interesting and can't keep your eyes off it.

This means that you are performing very well.

This means that the game was very close, and no one knew who was going to win.

You are very close to success but not there yet.

If you falter you fail in something. You were not successful.

If you roar your way to success, you achieved it with a lot of energy and style.

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## Main Article

Since modern day football was **invented by** England, **the thirst for success** on the world stage has been **forever on their minds**. Then it came, when in 1966 against West Germany, England became world champions for the first and only time **on home soil** winning 4-2. Ever since, it has been pain, disappointment, tears and of course, more pain. England have never won a tournament **since the heights of** 1966.

Moving on to Euro 2024. Euro 2024 had **thus far** been disappointing for **avid England fans** as the performances on the pitch were nothing more than **a shambles** and **a bore fest**, putting me and many others to sleep. This had left many **having that sinking feeling** that yet again the team will be on an early plane home and back in time for afternoon tea and biscuits.

However, with their **dogged spirit**, and **a stiff upper lip** they got through while being **criticised heavily** by many. England had reached the semi-final. A **miracle** some might say. A semi-final and a match against **the fancied Dutch**. A game that many thought we would lose. I prepared a large cup of coffee to help keep me awake as let's be honest, England thus far had been awful.

The game began and when the Dutch scored early, I thought it was all over. But no! England, the three lions, rediscovered their spirit and put the Dutch **on the back foot**. They **attacked with vigour** and were **relentless**. England had finally arrived and were performing with passion and a will to win.

Exchanging my coffee for a beer, I watched the game and was **on the edge of my seat** throughout. England were **on fire** but **the game was on a knife edge**.

Then it came, England scored a second goal and made us all cheer with delight and sing 'football is coming home.' However, the Dutch came back, and we all wondered will we make it. Will we get over the finish line. A few seconds later the whistle was blown for full time and the relief as well as joy was felt by all as England had made it to the final. What a game!

England have booked their place in Sunday's final against the much-fancied Spanish.

England are **on the cusp of success** and becoming legends of this beautiful game. Which England team will turn up on Sunday? Will they **falter** or will they **roar their way to become** the champions of Europe for the first time?

Only time will tell.

