

News & Info

Music in the month of May

Are you an Ed Sheeran fan? We hear that Jenny, one of VO's English trainers, is. Three dates have been booked in Lyon for his European tour — 24, 25, and 26 May.



Each concert will be held at the Groupama Stadium. Congratulations if you've already bought your ticket, because the three concerts are, at the time of writing, nearly sold out.

Les Nuits Sonores

France's annual festival of electronic and independent music runs from 29 May to 2 June. Organised by the Arty Farty association since 2003, this year's artists will include James Blake, Mall Grab, and Jayda G. You can get tickets, and the full programme, [here](#).



An Interview with Olubunmi Oyeneyin



In September 2016, we briefly introduced "Bunmi" as one of two new members to join VO's training staff. For this month's Newsletter, we sat down with Bunmi to learn what brought him to France, and about his experience teaching English.

Hi Bunmi, can you start by telling us a little about yourself?

I originally studied architecture in Glasgow, but I'm also a qualified business trainer in learning and development. At that time it was hard to find a job in architecture, even with postgraduate degrees, so I worked in customer relations in Scotland for a while. In 2015 I came to France to learn French. Soon after I started teaching English.

What do you love most about your work?

I love the contact, and the exchanges I have with my students. Maybe what I appreciate most is seeing how my clients put into practice what I teach them. That's very gratifying.

Did you ever think you would be teaching English in France?

Honestly, when I was younger, I wanted to be a footballer! And a musician. Not many people know this about me, but I love to sing. I'm really into jazz and blues.

What one Television series do you recommend your clients watch to help them improve their English?

The Crown, a drama about the life of Queen Elisabeth II, because the characters speak clear English. I would also recommend my clients watch any series filmed in different parts of the UK, to adapt themselves to the different accents they would hear.

How do you use technology in your job?

I use Skype, of course, and also Edmodo, an online platform that lets trainers share content. Sometimes I use TV to share what's on the computer's screen to see better.

And finally, do you think technology will ever be able to replace human trainers?

Maybe, but a machine will never be able to completely imitate a trainer. I can adapt a course to a client's specific needs. I can develop a personal relationship with them, even tell jokes if I want to. I don't think a machine will ever be able to do that.

Champions League Club Titles

Real Madrid - 13

Milan - 7

Bayern Munich - 5

Liverpool - 5

Barcelona - 5

Ajax - 4

Internazionale - 3

Manchester United - 3

Juventus - 2

Benfica - 2

Nottingham Forest - 2

Porto - 2

Celtic - 1

Hamburg - 1

Steaua Bucuresti - 1

Marseille - 1

Borussia Dortmund - 1

Chelsea - 1

Feyenoord - 1

Aston Villa - 1

PSV Eindhoven - 1

Red Star Belgrade - 1



Champions League Final

On Saturday, June 1, football fans across Europe will be glued to their TV sets for the final of the Champions League competition.



For only the second time since the Champions League football competition was established in 1955, two English sides — Tottenham and Liverpool — will be

playing against one another for the coveted title.

2008 was the first time in history that the European Cup saw an all-English title, between Manchester United and Chelsea. That final was played on 21 May 2008 at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. This year's match will be played at the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium in Madrid, Spain.

Some key facts about this year's final

- Even though the Wanda Metropolitano stadium has a capacity of 67,000 seats, only 63,500 fans will be in attendance
- This is the first time this competition's final will be played at this stadium, home to Atletico Madrid
- The referee for the match will be 42-year old Slovenian Damir Skomina
- This is the first time ever that VAR (Video Assistant Referee) will be used for a Champions League Final
- At the end of the match of June 1, one of two English teams will dethrone reigning champions Real Madrid

