Unit 21  Who Will Win?

Level: Intermediate
Focus: will for prediction
Preparation: Elicit the names of the 16 teams in the Euro 2012 Championships. They are:
- Poland  Greece  Russia  Netherlands
- Denmark  Portugal  Germany  Spain
- Italy  Croatia  Ireland  France
- England  Sweden  Ukraine  Czech Republic

Put students into pairs and ask them to pick the team/country they think will win and one that won’t win:

I think __________ will win because …

I think __________ won’t win because …

Ask students for reasons and prompt them with the following:

Players:
They have good/strong/creative/skillful players.
They have weak/inexperienced/injury-prone players.
They play as a team/have a good team spirit.

Manager:
They have a good/experienced/wise/tactical manager.
They have a weak/naïve manager.

Draw:
They have an easy group. They have an easy route to the final.
They are in a difficult group (the ‘group of death’).