

Negative numbers in context – Goal difference

Use the information in the league table to help you fill in the missing numbers.

2011-2012 Premier League results table

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City (C)	38	28	5	5	93	29	+64	89
2	Manchester United	38	28	5	5	89	33	+56	89
3	Arsenal	38	21	7	10		49	+25	70
4	Tottenham Hotspur	38	20	9	9	66	41	+25	69
5	Newcastle United	38	19	8	11		51	+5	65
6	Chelsea	38	18	10	10	65	46		64
7	Everton	38	15	11	12		40	+10	56
8	Liverpool	38	14	10	14	47	40	+7	52
9	Fulham	38	14	10	14	48	51		52
10	West Bromwich Albion	38	13	8	17	45	52		47
11	Swansea City	38	12	11	15	44	51	-7	47
12	Norwich City	38	12	11	15	52		-14	47
13	Sunderland	38	11	12	15	45	46	-1	45
14	Stoke City	38	11	12	15	36	53		45
15	Wigan Athletic	38	11	10	17		62	-20	43
16	Aston Villa	38	7	17	14	37	53	-16	38
17	Queens Park Rangers	38	10	7	21	43	66		37
18	Bolton Wanderers (R)	38	10	6	22		77	-31	36
19	Blackburn Rovers (R)	38	8	7	23	48	78		31
20	Wolverhampton Wanderers (R)	38	5	10	23	40	82	-42	25

Now, use the information to help you answer these questions about goal difference (GD):

- Which team had the biggest goal difference?
- Which team had the smallest goal difference?
- Which two teams had the same goal difference?
- How many more goals would Manchester United have had to score to win the league?
- What is the difference between Liverpool and Fulham's goal difference?
- What is the difference between Norwich City and Wigan Athletic's goal difference?
- What is the difference between Manchester City and Wolverhampton Wanderers' goal difference?
- Why did West Bromwich Albion finish above Swansea City in the table, even though they had the same goal difference?
- If the league was decided on goal difference alone, in what order would the teams have finished?