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# THE ARTICLE

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The biggest protests Brazil has seen for decades are taking place in its streets. Many of them are happening outside soccer stadiums. Brazil is currently hosting the Confederations Cup – a FIFA World Cup test event. While Brazil's team beat Mexico 2-0 on Tuesday night, thousands of protesters were in the streets outside the stadium. There were around 100,000 more people protesting around Brazil at the same time. They are unhappy with many things about life in their country. The protests started last week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo because of an increase in bus fares. They soon spread across the country. People are also angry about the cost of the 2014 World Cup, poor public services, and corruption.

Protests across the country are getting bigger and bigger. The police are taking tougher actions to control the crowds. Police used rubber bullets, tear gas and beatings, which have made the people angrier. Many of the protestors want the government to spend more money on health and education and less on the World Cup. The BBC reported seeing a banner that read: "A teacher is worth more than Neymar" (Brazil's star player). One of the banners in the crowd at the Brazil-Mexico game asked FIFA (the World Cup organisers) to bring hospitals to Brazil instead of stadiums. Another Brazilian star, striker Hulk, said: "After seeing the people on the streets...it makes me feel like joining them. They are doing the right thing."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. PROTESTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about protests. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*protests / decades / in the streets / stadiums / unhappy / bus fares / public services / rubber bullets / tear gas / health / education / teacher / banners / doing the right thing*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. WHICH?:** Which is more important and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Which?	Why?
teacher / soccer star		
sports complex / hospital		
hosting the World Cup / building a school		
football / protesting		
police / national sports team		
fighting drugs in sport / fighting corruption		

**4. POLICE:** Students A **strongly** believe the police should stay away from peaceful protests; Students B **strongly** believe they should always be at any kind of protest. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. WORTH MORE:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the ones worth most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- a teacher
- a world-class athlete
- a police officer
- a soldier
- a nurse
- a banker
- a rock star
- a president / prime minister

**6. STREETS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'streets'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Brazil's biggest ever protests are taking place outside soccer stadiums. | T / F |
| b. Around 100,000 people protested outside the Brazil-Mexico game.          | T / F |
| c. The protests started because of an increase in bus fares.                | T / F |
| d. People are protesting about the price of World Cup tickets.              | T / F |
| e. The police are using more dangerous methods to control the protests.     | T / F |
| f. People want schools and hospitals instead of better football stadiums.   | T / F |
| g. A banner said a teacher was more important than Brazil's star player.    | T / F |
| h. The Brazil player Hulk said the protestors were wrong to protest.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. protests     | a. bad            |
| 2. taking place | b. larger         |
| 3. unhappy      | c. demonstrations |
| 4. increase     | d. rather than    |
| 5. poor         | e. sign           |
| 6. bigger       | f. dissatisfied   |
| 7. control      | g. happening      |
| 8. banner       | h. being part of  |
| 9. instead of   | i. rise           |
| 10. joining     | j. hold back      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The biggest protests Brazil | a. were in the streets   |
| 2. thousands of protesters     | b. instead of stadiums   |
| 3. at                          | c. services              |
| 4. an increase                 | d. on health             |
| 5. poor public                 | e. the same time         |
| 6. tougher actions             | f. in bus fares          |
| 7. spend more money            | g. more                  |
| 8. A teacher is worth          | h. has seen for decades  |
| 9. bring hospitals to Brazil   | i. joining them          |
| 10. it makes me feel like      | j. to control the crowds |

# GAP FILL

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The biggest protests Brazil has seen for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are taking place in its streets. Many of them are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ outside soccer stadiums. Brazil is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ hosting the Confederations Cup – a FIFA World Cup test (4) \_\_\_\_\_. While Brazil's team beat Mexico 2-0 on Tuesday night, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of protesters were in the streets outside the stadium. There were around 100,000 more people protesting around Brazil at the same time. They are unhappy with many things about life in their country. The protests started last week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo because of an (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in bus fares. They soon (7) \_\_\_\_\_ across the country. People are also angry about the cost of the 2014 World Cup, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ public services, and corruption.

*increase*  
*spread*  
*currently*  
*thousands*  
*happening*  
*decades*  
*poor*  
*event*

Protests across the country are getting bigger and bigger. The police are taking (9) \_\_\_\_\_ actions to control the crowds. Police used rubber bullets, tear gas and (10) \_\_\_\_\_, which have made the people angrier. Many of the protestors want the government to spend more money on (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and education and less on the World Cup. The BBC reported seeing a banner that read: "A teacher is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more than Neymar" (Brazil's star player). One of the banners in the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Brazil-Mexico game asked FIFA (the World Cup organisers) to bring hospitals to Brazil (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of stadiums. Another Brazilian star, striker Hulk, said: "After seeing the people on the streets...it makes me feel like (15) \_\_\_\_\_ them. They are doing the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ thing."

*crowd*  
*joining*  
*health*  
*right*  
*tougher*  
*worth*  
*beatings*  
*instead*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) The biggest protests Brazil has seen for decades are taking place \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on its streets
  - b. into its streets
  - c. inner streets
  - d. in its streets
- 2) Brazil is currently hosting the Confederations Cup – a FIFA World Cup \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. testy event
  - b. tested event
  - c. testing event
  - d. tests event
- 3) There were around 100,000 more people protesting around Brazil \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. at the same times
  - b. at the same timed
  - c. at the same timing
  - d. at the same time
- 4) protests started last week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo because of an \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. increase of bus fares
  - b. increase at bus fares
  - c. increase in bus fares
  - d. increase on bus fares
- 5) People are also angry about the cost of the 2014 World Cup, poor public \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. services, and corrupting
  - b. services, and corrupt shun
  - c. services, and corruption
  - d. services, and corrupted
- 6) Protests across the country are getting \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. big and bigger
  - b. bigger and biggest
  - c. bigger and bigger
  - d. big and biggest
- 7) Police used rubber bullets, tear gas and beatings, which have made \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the people angrier
  - b. the people angry at her
  - c. the people angriest
  - d. the people angry
- 8) protestors want the government to spend more money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on health end education
  - b. on health and education
  - c. on health an education
  - d. on healthy and education
- 9) bring hospitals to Brazil \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. instead of stadiums
  - b. instead of stadium
  - c. instead of steady yams
  - d. instead of stayed yams
- 10) it makes me feel like joining them. They are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. doing the right-on thing
  - b. doing the righto thing
  - c. doing the right thing
  - d. doing the righteous thing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

The biggest protests Brazil (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are taking place in its streets. Many (2) \_\_\_\_\_ – a FIFA World Cup test event. While Brazil's team beat Mexico 2-0 on Tuesday night, thousands of protesters were in the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. There were around 100,000 more people protesting around Brazil at the same time. They are unhappy (4) \_\_\_\_\_ life in their country. The protests started last week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo (5) \_\_\_\_\_ bus fares. They soon spread across the country. People are also angry about the cost of the 2014 World Cup, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and corruption.

Protests across the country are (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The police are taking tougher actions to control the crowds. Police used rubber bullets, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, which have made the people angrier. Many of the protestors want the government to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ health and education and less on the World Cup. The BBC reported seeing a banner that read: "A (10) \_\_\_\_\_ than Neymar" (Brazil's star player). One of the banners in the crowd at the Brazil-Mexico game asked FIFA (11) \_\_\_\_\_) to bring hospitals to Brazil instead of stadiums. Another Brazilian star, striker Hulk, said: "After seeing the people on the streets...(12) \_\_\_\_\_ joining them. They are doing the right thing."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

1. How big are the protests?

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2. What is the Confederations Cup?

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3. How many people protested on Tuesday night?

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4. What started the protests?

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5. What aren't people happy about the cost of?

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6. What kind of bullets are the police using?

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7. What do people want more spending on?

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8. What did a banner say Neymar was worth less than?

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9. What do people want instead of stadiums?

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10. What does Hulk feel like doing?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

1. How big are the protests?
  - a) bigger than some, smaller than most
  - b) average sized
  - c) the biggest in decades
  - d) the biggest of 2013
2. What is the Confederations Cup?
  - a) a test event for the World Cup
  - b) a Latin American competition
  - c) a tournament for World Cup winners
  - d) a game between Brazil and Mexico
3. How many people protested on Tuesday night?
  - a) around 1,100
  - b) about a hundred thousand
  - c) hundreds of thousands
  - d) hundreds and hundreds
4. What started the protests?
  - a) people lost their jobs
  - b) Brazil lost a soccer match
  - c) the police
  - d) a rise in bus fares
5. What aren't people happy about the cost of?
  - a) bread and rice
  - b) living in Brazil
  - c) the 2014 World Cup
  - d) a ticket to see a football game
6. What kind of bullets are the police using?
  - a) steel
  - b) rubber
  - c) plastic
  - d) silver
7. What do people want more spending on?
  - a) environmentally friendly projects
  - b) roads and bridges
  - c) sport
  - d) education and health
8. What did a banner say Neymar was worth less than?
  - a) Lionel Messi
  - b) a teacher
  - c) \$100 million
  - d) a school
9. What do people prefer to stadiums?
  - a) gyms
  - b) hospitals
  - c) a better railway
  - d) roads
10. What does Hulk feel like doing?
  - a) joining the protestors
  - b) playing as a defender
  - c) joining Manchester United
  - d) joining the police

# ROLE PLAY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

## **Role A – Brazil president**

You want the protestors to stop protesting and go home. Tell the others three reasons why. The 2014 World Cup is important for Brazil. It will make Brazil richer, so the country can build more schools and hospitals. The transport system is also better because of the World Cup.

## **Role B – Protestor**

You want all of Brazil's government to go. Tell the others three reasons why. You are angry the government spends lots of money on football. Many Brazilians are so poor. Brazil needs schools and hospitals. The World Cup will not bring better public services.

## **Role C – Neymar**

You think the protests should continue but not outside football stadiums. Tell the others three reasons why. You think the government should spend more money on sport for poor people. You think FIFA should pay for the World Cup, not the Brazilian people.

## **Role D – FIFA boss**

You are worried about the 2014 World Cup being in Brazil. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them that the World Cup may move to another country. There cannot be protests outside football stadiums. You want the president to help the people so that the protests stop.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'public' and 'service'.

<b>public</b>	<b>service</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• biggest</li><li>• test</li><li>• same</li><li>• life</li><li>• bus</li><li>• poor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• bigger</li><li>• rubber</li><li>• less</li><li>• teacher</li><li>• instead</li><li>• feel</li></ul>
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# PROTESTS SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil\\_protests.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1306/130621-brazil_protests.html)

Write five GOOD questions about protests in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# PROTESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'protest'?
- c) What do you think about the protests in Brazil?
- d) Is it more important to protest or watch football?
- e) Why are the protests happening outside football stadiums?
- f) Should people not mix sport and protests?
- g) Should Brazilians be proud of hosting the World Cup instead of protesting about it?
- h) What things are people unhappy about in your country?
- i) What would you take to the streets to protest about?
- j) Would you be afraid to protest in your country?

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# PROTESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is it better for the police to stay away from protests?
- c) Do the police need rubber bullets and tear gas?
- d) What does tear gas do?
- e) Should Brazil have built more hospitals and schools instead of hosting the World Cup?
- f) Which is better – a teacher or a world-class soccer player?
- g) Is it fair that a soccer player's salary is one hundred times larger than a teacher's salary?
- h) What will happen to the World Cup if the protests continue?
- i) Is it OK for Hulk to say the people are right to protest?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Brazil's president?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |             |             |             |
|-----|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) decadent  | (b) decades | (c) decays  | (d) decade  |
| 2.  | (a) happening | (b) doing   | (c) being   | (d) taking  |
| 3.  | (a) won       | (b) beat    | (c) victory | (d) crushed |
| 4.  | (a) for       | (b) at      | (c) with    | (d) from    |
| 5.  | (a) in        | (b) at      | (c) as      | (d) to      |
| 6.  | (a) poor      | (b) broke   | (c) unlucky | (d) needy   |
| 7.  | (a) big       | (b) biggest | (c) bigwig  | (d) bigger  |
| 8.  | (a) rubber    | (b) silver  | (c) plastic | (d) wooden  |
| 9.  | (a) stealth   | (b) health  | (c) earth   | (d) wealth  |
| 10. | (a) value     | (b) money   | (c) worth   | (d) salary  |
| 11. | (a) rather    | (b) prefer  | (c) instead | (d) not     |
| 12. | (a) way       | (b) thing   | (c) point   | (d) answer  |

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# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The biggest protests Brazil has seen for dseedac
2. happening outside soccer aumssitd
3. Brazil is yelrcutrn hosting the Confederations Cup
4. an cisnaere in bus fares
5. daeprs across the country
6. poor public eisrvesc

## Paragraph 2

7. police are taking gutheor actions
8. rubber utblsel
9. tear gas and aigesbtn
10. more money on health and oditaecnu
11. World Cup aesionsgrr
12. it makes me feel like niiongj them



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Protests across the country are getting bigger and bigger. The police are taking tougher actions
- ( ) 100,000 more people protesting around Brazil at the same time. They are unhappy with many things about life
- ( ) "After seeing the people on the streets...it makes me feel like joining them. They are doing the right thing."
- ( ) beat Mexico 2-0 on Tuesday night, thousands of protesters were in the streets outside the stadium. There were around
- ( ) in bus fares. They soon spread across the country. People are also angry about the
- ( ) soccer stadiums. Brazil is currently hosting the Confederations Cup – a FIFA World Cup test event. While Brazil's team
- ( ) to control the crowds. Police used rubber bullets, tear gas and beatings, which have made the people
- ( ) education and less on the World Cup. The BBC reported seeing a banner that read: "A teacher is worth
- ( ) angrier. Many of the protestors want the government to spend more money on health and
- ( ) FIFA (the World Cup organisers) to bring hospitals to Brazil instead of stadiums. Another Brazilian star, striker Hulk, said:
- ( ) cost of the 2014 World Cup, poor public services, and corruption.
- ( **1** ) The biggest protests Brazil has seen for decades are taking place in its streets. Many of them are happening outside
- ( ) more than Neymar" (Brazil's star player). One of the banners in the crowd at the Brazil-Mexico game asked
- ( ) in their country. The protests started last week in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo because of an increase

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for protests decades Brazil has The seen biggest.

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2. them stadiums are happening Many outside of soccer.

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3. protesting at time people Brazil same More around the.

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4. are about unhappy life with many They things.

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5. cost angry People World of about are Cup the the also

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6. getting are country the across Protests bigger.

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7. to crowds are actions the Police tougher control taking.

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8. want more the money government to Protestors spend.

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9. hospitals Bring stadiums of instead Brazil to.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The biggest protests Brazil has seen for *decade / decades* are taking place in its streets. Many of them are happening outside soccer stadiums. Brazil is *currently / current* hosting the Confederations Cup – a FIFA World Cup test event. While Brazil's team *beat / win* Mexico 2-0 on Tuesday night, *thousands / thousand* of protesters were in the streets outside the stadium. There were around 100,000 *mostly / more* people protesting around Brazil at the same time. They are unhappy *of / with* many things about *livings / life* in their country. The protests started last *week / weekly* in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo because of an increase in *busy / bus* fares. They soon spread across the country. People are also angry about the cost of the 2014 World Cup, poor public services, and *corrupts / corruption*.

Protests across the country are getting *bigger / biggest* and bigger. The police are *taking / having* tougher actions to control the crowds. Police used rubber *bullets / bullet*, tear gas and beatings, which have made the *person / people* angrier. Many of the protestors want the government to *spending / spend* more money on health and education and *fewer / less* on the World Cup. The BBC reported seeing a banner that *reads / read*: "A teacher is worth more than Neymar" (Brazil's star player). One of the banners in the *crowd / crowded* at the Brazil-Mexico game asked FIFA (the World Cup organisers) to bring hospitals to Brazil instead *for / of* stadiums. Another Brazilian star, striker Hulk, said: "After seeing the people on the streets...it makes me feel like *joining / joint* them. They are doing the right thing."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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*The police should stay at home when people protest. They always make things worse.* Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the protests in Brazil. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PROTESTS:** Make a poster about protests around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WORLD CUP:** Write a magazine article about the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to Brazil's leader. Ask her three questions about the protests in her country. Give her three ideas on what to do from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. protests     | a. demonstrations |
| 2. taking place | b. happening      |
| 3. unhappy      | c. dissatisfied   |
| 4. increase     | d. rise           |
| 5. poor         | e. bad            |
| 6. bigger       | f. larger         |
| 7. control      | g. hold back      |
| 8. banner       | h. sign           |
| 9. instead of   | i. rather than    |
| 10. joining     | j. being part of  |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The biggest in decades
2. A FIFA World Cup test event
3. Around 100,000
4. An increase in bus fares
5. The 2014 World Cup
6. Rubber bullets
7. Health and education
8. A teacher
9. Hospitals
10. Joining the protestors in the streets

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)