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Level 0

Jennifer Lopez won't sing World Cup song

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Jennifer Lopez was going to sing at the opening ceremony of the World Cup. However, she has pulled out. She did not say why. Her agent said it was because of "production issues". Lopez, the rapper Pitbull and Brazilian star Claudia Leitte were going to sing before the opening game. Instead, just Pitbull and Ms Leitte will sing.

The World Cup song started in 1966. People are unhappy when the song is not from the host country. A Colombian singer sang the South Africa World Cup song in 2010. Many Brazilians do not like the 2014 song. It is mostly in Spanish and English. It has only a few seconds of Portuguese. A music critic said it has no "local colour".

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/06/09/sport/football/jennifer-lopez-world-cup-performance/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Lopez was | a. out |
| 2. at the opening | b. Pitbull |
| 3. she has pulled | c. ceremony |
| 4. She did not say | d. game |
| 5. Her agent said it was because of | e. going to sing |
| 6. the rapper | f. sing |
| 7. before the opening | g. why |
| 8. Ms Leitte will | h. "production issues" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. he World Cup song started | a. singer |
| 2. People are | b. "local colour" |
| 3. the song is not from | c. unhappy |
| 4. A Colombian | d. in Spanish |
| 5. Many Brazilians do not | e. in 1966 |
| 6. It is mostly | f. seconds of Portuguese |
| 7. It has only a few | g. the host country |
| 8. A music critic said it has no | h. like the 2014 song |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Jennifer Lopez (1) _____ at the opening ceremony of the World Cup. However, (2) _____. She did (3) _____. Her agent said it was because of "(4) _____. Lopez, the rapper Pitbull and Brazilian star Claudia Leitte (5) _____ sing before (6) _____. Instead, just Pitbull and Ms Leitte will sing.

The World Cup song (7) _____. People are unhappy when the song is not from (8) _____. A Colombian (9) _____ South Africa World Cup song in 2010. Many Brazilians (10) _____ 2014 song. (11) _____ Spanish and English. It has only a few seconds of Portuguese. A (12) _____ it has no "local colour".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the World Cup** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
