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2014 Brazil World Cup - Round-up 1

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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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The 2014 FIFA World Cup is well under way and there have been some great games already. The tournament opened on June the 12th with a ceremony at the Arena de Sao Paulo. The opening ceremony was very colourful and had a cast of 660 dancers. Soon after, the first match took place, between hosts Brazil and Croatia. It was an exciting game that Brazil won 3-1. Brazilian superstar Neymar scored twice. Croatia were very angry that the referee gave Brazil a penalty they thought was not a penalty, and disallowed a goal that they thought was a goal.

The next day saw a repeat of the 2010 World Cup Final, between world champions Spain and a very strong Netherlands team. The Dutch shocked Spain by thrashing them 5-1. Holland striker Robin Van Persie scored a spectacular header, which could be goal of the tournament. In other matches, Italy defeated England 2-1, and Lionel Messi scored for Argentina as they scraped past Bosnia-Herzegovina 2-1. None of the eleven games so far has ended in a draw. The average number of goals per game is over three. The France-Honduras game saw the first use of goal-line technology.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The 2014 FIFA World Cup is well | a. 660 dancers |
| 2. there have been some | b. that Brazil won 3-1 |
| 3. a cast of | c. a penalty |
| 4. the first match | d. under way |
| 5. It was an exciting game | e. Neymar scored twice |
| 6. Brazilian superstar | f. goal |
| 7. the referee gave Brazil | g. took place |
| 8. disallowed a | h. great games already |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. The next day saw a repeat of | a. thrashing them 5-1 |
| 2. world | b. spectacular header |
| 3. The Dutch shocked Spain by | c. has ended in a draw |
| 4. Robin Van Persie scored a | d. England 2-1 |
| 5. goal of | e. champions |
| 6. Italy defeated | f. line technology |
| 7. None of the eleven games so far | g. the 2010 World Cup Final |
| 8. the first use of goal- | h. the tournament |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The 2014 FIFA World Cup (1) _____ and there have been some great games already. The tournament opened on June the 12th (2) _____ the Arena de Sao Paulo. The opening ceremony was very colourful and had (3) _____. Soon after, the first match (4) _____ hosts Brazil and Croatia. It was an exciting game that Brazil won 3-1. Brazilian superstar Neymar scored twice. Croatia (5) _____ the referee gave Brazil a penalty they thought was not a penalty, and (6) _____ that they thought was a goal.

The next day (7) _____ the 2010 World Cup Final, between world champions Spain and a very strong Netherlands team. The Dutch shocked Spain (8) _____ 5-1. Holland striker Robin Van Persie scored a spectacular header, (9) _____ of the tournament. In other matches, Italy defeated England 2-1, and Lionel Messi scored for Argentina (10) _____ Bosnia-Herzegovina 2-1. None of the eleven games so far has (11) _____. The average number of goals per game is over three. The France-Honduras game saw the first use of (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What do you imagine when you hear the word 'Brazil'?
- c) What do you think of the World Cup so far?
- d) What did you think of the opening ceremony?
- e) What has been the best game so far, and why?
- f) Did you agree with the referee's decision in the Brazil-Croatia game?
- g) What did you think of Robin Van Persie's header?
- h) What do you think of the vanishing spray and goal-line technology?
- i) How has the World Cup changed your daily schedule?
- j) Who do you think will win the tournament?

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WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What is the biggest shock of the tournament so far?
- c) Have you been disappointed by anything so far?
- d) Do you think Brazil has done a good job in hosting the tournament?
- e) Who has the best player been so far?
- f) What is the biggest mistake made by a referee so far?
- g) Are you surprised Wayne Rooney has not scored in 9 World Cup games?
- h) What three adjectives best describe the tournament so far (and why)?
- i) What games are you looking forward to in the next few days?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the boss of FIFA?

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) _____

