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2014 Brazil World Cup - Round-up 2

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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 now in its second week and we have seen the first major shock. Reigning world champions Spain are out of the tournament after just two games. Their 2-0 defeat to Chile means they have no way of qualifying for the knock-out stages in the next round. They will play Australia for pride in their last game. Australia are also exiting the tournament and neither team will want to finish bottom of their group. Also out of the competition after eight days are Cameroon. The African team lost 4-0 to Croatia to end their hopes of progressing.

There is still no team that has really shone at this World Cup. The Netherlands, who thrashed Spain in their first game, had a scare against Australia. They had to fight back from a goal down and battle for a 3-2 win. Even hosts Brazil were held to a goalless draw against a very well-organised Mexico team in their second game. England, another pre-tournament favourite, look like they are on their way out. They need a miracle to go through after they lost to Uruguay 2-1 in Sao Paulo. Uruguay's striker Luis Suarez scored two brilliant goals to more or less end English hopes.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Reigning | a. 4-0 to Croatia |
| 2. Spain are out of | b. finish bottom |
| 3. they have no way of qualifying | c. the tournament |
| 4. They will play Australia for | d. progressing |
| 5. neither team will want to | e. world champions |
| 6. out of the competition | f. pride in their last game |
| 7. The African team lost | g. for the knock-out stages |
| 8. end their hopes of | h. after eight days |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. There is still no team that | a. two brilliant goals |
| 2. The Netherlands, who thrashed | b. a goal down |
| 3. fight back from | c. favourite |
| 4. Brazil were held | d. English hopes |
| 5. another pre-tournament | e. Spain in their first game |
| 6. They need a miracle | f. has really shone |
| 7. Uruguay's striker Luis Suarez scored | g. to a goalless draw |
| 8. more or less end | h. to go through |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The 2014 FIFA World Cup is now (1) _____ and we have seen the first major shock. Reigning world champions Spain (2) _____ tournament after just two games. Their 2-0 defeat to Chile means they have no (3) _____ for the knock-out stages in the next round. They will play Australia (4) _____ last game. Australia are also exiting the tournament and neither team will (5) _____ of their group. Also out of the competition after eight days are Cameroon. The African team lost 4-0 to Croatia to end their (6) _____.

There is still no team that (7) _____ at this World Cup. The Netherlands, who thrashed Spain in their first game, (8) _____ Australia. They had to fight back from a goal down and battle for a 3-2 win. Even hosts Brazil were held to (9) _____ against a very well-organised Mexico team in their second game. England, another pre-(10) _____, look like they are on their way out. They (11) _____ go through after they lost to Uruguay 2-1 in Sao Paolo. Uruguay's striker Luis Suarez scored (12) _____ to more or less end English hopes.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FIFA WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

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

- a) What would you say to people who are fed up with the World Cup
- b) How do players feel if their teams exit the tournament?
- c) Should the World Cup be every two years instead of four years?
- d) What do you think of FIFA?
- e) What kind of stress do you think players are under?
- f) Should more focus be put on construction workers who are dying building stadiums in Qatar for the 2022 World Cup?
- g) What is your most memorable moment of the World Cup so far?
- h) What do you think it's like to score a World Cup goal?
- i) Is it more difficult to be a striker or goalkeeper?
- j) Should games that end in a draw go to penalties?

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FIFA WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

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

- a) What do you think of the World Cup so far?
- b) What do you think of Spain losing two games and going out?
- c) Who has looked the best team?
- d) What is the best game you have seen?
- e) What do you think of the coverage of the World Cup?
- f) Has the World Cup changed your daily routine?
- g) Are you surprised Brazil didn't beat Mexico?
- h) How do you think players feel to represent their national team?
- i) What questions would you like to ask the Internet code people?
- j) What football rule would you like to change?

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) _____

