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**Level 1 – 15th May 2025**

## **Carlo Ancelotti leaves Real Madrid to coach Brazil**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Coach Carlo Ancelotti is leaving soccer giants Real Madrid. He will become manager of Brazil. He called being the Brazil coach "an important challenge". He said he wanted "to finish this final stretch and this fantastic adventure" as Madrid coach. Brazil will be the first national team for Ancelotti to manage. He is one of the most successful managers ever. He is the only coach to win the top five leagues in Europe. He also won the Champions League five times.

Brazil is the most successful national team. It is the only country to win the World Cup five times. Since 2002, it has not reached a final. In 2014, Germany beat Brazil 7-1 in the semi-finals. The head of Brazilian football hopes Ancelotti can change Brazil's luck. He said: "Ancelotti is the greatest coach in history, and now he is...head of the greatest national team on the planet." Ancelotti will coach Brazil in next month's World Cup qualifying games.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ancelotti is leaving soccer    | a. League five times   |
| 2. an important                   | b. giants Real Madrid  |
| 3. he wanted to finish this final | c. as Madrid coach     |
| 4. this fantastic adventure       | d. managers ever       |
| 5. the first national team for    | e. stretch             |
| 6. one of the most successful     | f. leagues in Europe   |
| 7. win the top five               | g. challenge           |
| 8. He also won the Champions      | h. Ancelotti to manage |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Brazil is the most successful   | a. coach Brazil     |
| 2. Since 2002, it has not reached  | b. luck             |
| 3. Germany beat Brazil 7-1 in      | c. qualifying games |
| 4. Ancelotti can change Brazil's   | d. the semi-finals  |
| 5. Ancelotti is the greatest coach | e. on the planet    |
| 6. the greatest national team      | f. national team    |
| 7. Ancelotti will                  | g. a final          |
| 8. next month's World Cup          | h. in history       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250515-carlo-ancelotti-1.html>

Coach Carlo Ancelotti is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Real Madrid. He will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil. He called being the Brazil coach "an important challenge". He said he wanted "to finish this final stretch (3) \_\_\_\_\_ adventure" as Madrid coach. Brazil will be the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for Ancelotti to manage. He is one of the most successful managers ever. He is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to win the top five leagues in Europe. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Champions League five times.

Brazil is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ national team. It is the only (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the World Cup five times. Since 2002, it has not (9) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2014, Germany beat Brazil 7-1 in the semi-finals. The head of Brazilian football hopes Ancelotti can change Brazil's luck. He said: "Ancelotti (10) \_\_\_\_\_ coach in history, and now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the greatest national team on the planet." Ancelotti will coach Brazil (12) \_\_\_\_\_ World Cup qualifying games.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL / SOCCER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250515-carlo-ancelotti-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about football / soccer 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.

## 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 **football / soccer** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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