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**Level 2 – 15th May 2025**

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

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Top soccer coach Carlo Ancelotti is leaving Spanish giants Real Madrid. He will become manager of Brazil. He will start his new position with Brazil on the 26th of May. He said being Brazil coach was "an important challenge". He added that 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. Ancelotti 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 UEFA Champions League a record five times.

Brazil is the most successful international team. It is the only country to win the FIFA World Cup five times. The last time was in 2002. Since then, it has not reached a final. In 2014, Brazil was beaten 7-1 by Germany in the semi-finals. The head of Brazil's football federation hopes Ancelotti can change Brazil's fortunes. He said: "Ancelotti is the greatest coach in history, and now he is at the head of the greatest national team on the planet." Ancelotti will be coach of Brazil's team for next month's World Cup qualifying games against Paraguay and Ecuador.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. top                                   | a. important challenge |
| 2. Ancelotti is leaving Spanish          | b. of Brazil           |
| 3. He will become manager                | c. five leagues        |
| 4. He will start his new                 | d. stretch             |
| 5. being Brazil coach was an             | e. soccer coach        |
| 6. he wanted to finish this final        | f. to manage           |
| 7. the first national team for Ancelotti | g. giants Real Madrid  |
| 8. the only coach to win the top         | h. position            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Brazil is the most successful     | a. the head           |
| 2. Since then, it has not            | b. games              |
| 3. Brazil was beaten                 | c. fortunes           |
| 4. Ancelotti can change Brazil's     | d. on the planet      |
| 5. Ancelotti is the greatest coach   | e. reached a final    |
| 6. he is at                          | f. international team |
| 7. the greatest national team        | g. 7-1 by Germany     |
| 8. next month's World Cup qualifying | h. in history         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Real Madrid. He will become manager of Brazil. He will start his  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil on the 26th of May. He said  
being Brazil coach was "an important challenge". He added that he  
wanted "to finish this final stretch and  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_" as Madrid coach. Brazil will be the  
first national team for Ancelotti to manage. Ancelotti is  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ most successful managers ever. He  
is the only (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the top five leagues in  
Europe. He also won the UEFA Champions League a  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Brazil is the most (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the only  
country to win the FIFA World Cup five times. The last time was in  
2002. Since then, it has not (8) \_\_\_\_\_. In  
2014, Brazil was beaten 7-1 by Germany in the semi-finals.  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil's football federation hopes  
Ancelotti can (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Ancelotti  
is the greatest coach in history, and now he is at the head of the  
greatest national team (11) \_\_\_\_\_.  
" Ancelotti  
will be coach of Brazil's team for next month's World Cup  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ Paraguay and Ecuador.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL / SOCCER SURVEY

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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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250515-carlo-ancelotti-2.html>

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

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