

## Carlo Ancelotti leaves Real Madrid to coach Brazil

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Legendary soccer coach Carlo Ancelotti, 65, has decided to leave Spanish giants Real Madrid to become manager of Brazil. His final match for Madrid will be on the 25th of May. He will start his new position with Brazil on the following day. Mr

Ancelotti told reporters: "From the 26th, I will be the Brazil coach, and it's an important challenge. Right now, I'm the Real Madrid coach, and I want to finish this final stretch and this fantastic adventure here." Brazil will be Ancelotti's first role as a manager of a national team. Ancelotti is one of the most successful football managers ever. He is the only coach to win the top five leagues in Europe. He has also won the UEFA Champions League a record five times.

Brazil is the world's most successful international team. It is the only country to have won the FIFA World Cup five times. However, the last time was in 2002. Since then, it has not reached the final. In 2014, the team was beaten 7-1 by Germany in the semi-finals. Ednaldo Rodrigues, the president of Brazil's football federation, hopes Ancelotti can change Brazil's fortunes. Mr Rodrigues said: "Ancelotti is the greatest coach in history, and now he is at the head of the greatest national team on the planet. Together we will write new glorious chapters in Brazilian football." Ancelotti will be in charge of Brazil's team for the World Cup qualifying games against Paraguay and Ecuador next month.

Sources: skysports.com / espn.com / foxsports.com

### Writing

Soccer is the best game in the world. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

soccer / coach / giants / Real Madrid / Brazil / challenge / adventure / manager / international / team / the last time / president / history / the planet / World Cup

### True / False

- 1) The article said Carlo Ancelotti was a legendary coach. T / F
- 2) Ancelotti starts his new job as Brazil coach on the 25th of May. T / F
- 3) Ancelotti called his time at Real Madrid a "fantasy misadventure". T / F
- 4) Ancelotti is the only manager to win the top five leagues in Europe. T / F
- 5) Brazil has won the soccer world cup five times. T / F
- 6) Brazil's football federation hopes Ancelotti can turn around Brazil's luck. T / F
- 7) The head of Brazil's football federation called Ancelotti a glorious coach. T / F
- 8) Ancelotti will miss Brazil's World Cup qualifier against Paraguay. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>coach</b>        | a. managing   |
| 2. <b>final</b>        | b. next       |
| 3. <b>following</b>    | c. got to     |
| 4. <b>fantastic</b>    | d. last       |
| 5. <b>ever</b>         | e. boss       |
| 6. <b>reached</b>      | f. in history |
| 7. <b>fortunes</b>     | g. matches    |
| 8. <b>head</b>         | h. manager    |
| 9. <b>in charge of</b> | i. great      |
| 10. <b>games</b>       | j. luck       |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you think of football?
- c) What do you know about the Brazil football team?
- d) What do you know about the FIFA World Cup?
- e) Do you prefer the word 'football' or 'soccer'?
- f) What advice do you have for Carlo Ancelotti?
- g) Who do you think will win the 2026 World Cup?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Carlo?

## Phrase Match

1. He will start his new position with Brazil
  2. I want to finish this final
  3. Ancelotti's first role as a manager of
  4. one of the most successful football managers
  5. won the UEFA Champions League a
  6. the only country to have won the FIFA World Cup
  7. the team was beaten
  8. head of the greatest national team on
  9. we will write new glorious chapters
  10. Ancelotti will be in charge
- a. a national team
  - b. five times
  - c. record five times
  - d. in Brazilian football
  - e. stretch
  - f. the planet
  - g. ever
  - h. of Brazil's team
  - i. on the following day
  - j. 7-1 by Germany

## Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you know about football?
- b) What do you know about Real Madrid?
- c) What is the world's best football team?
- d) Is it better to be manager of a league or national team?
- e) What is the best soccer team in your country?
- f) How important is football to you?
- g) What fantastic adventure would you like to go on?
- h) What has been the biggest challenge in your life?

## Spelling

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12. World Cup fulqnaiyg games

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. d	3. b	4. i	5. f
6. c	7. j	8. e	9. a	10. g

## Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.  
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	How old is Carlo Ancelotti?
2.	When will Ancelotti start as Brazil's manager?
3.	What kind of adventure did Ancelotti call managing Real Madrid?
4.	How many coaches have won the top five leagues in Europe?
5.	How many times has Ancelotti won the UEFA Champions League?
6.	How many teams have won the FIFA World Cup five times?
7.	What was the score when Brazil played Germany in 2014?
8.	What does Brazil's football federation want Ancelotti to change?
9.	What did Edinaldo Rodrigues call Carlo Ancelotti?
10.	Who does Brazil play next month?

## Speaking – Sports

Rank these with your partner. Put the best sports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Soccer
- American football
- Sumo
- Golf
- Skiing
- Sailing
- Athletics
- Boxing

### Answers – True False

1 T	2 F	3 F	4 T	5 T	6 T	7 F	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.