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## **2014 Brazil World Cup - Round-up 5**

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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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Round Two of the World Cup Finals has finished and we now enter the quarter-finals. Sadly, there are only eight games left. The eight teams through to the quarters all finished top in the group stages – a first for the World Cup. Most of the last eight games had football fans worldwide on the edge of their seats. The drama and excitement has remained at a very high level. The results left some supporters partying into the night and others left to drown their sorrows. The line-up for the quarter-finals gives us a better idea of who could be eventual winners, and there still could be a few big surprises.

Brazil-Chile was the first of the knockout games and went down to the wire. The underdogs Chile took the hosts to a nail-biting penalty shootout, which the hosts won when Chile's final kick hit the post. Things were a little easier for Colombia as they eased past Uruguay 2-0. France, Holland and Argentina needed very late goals to get past Mexico, Nigeria and Switzerland. Costa Rica continued to light up the competition with a dramatic penalty shootout win over Greece. Algeria nearly caused an upset in their 2-1 defeat to Germany. USA hopes ended with a thrilling 2-1 loss to Belgium.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. we now enter                     | a. their sorrows           |
| 2. all finished top                 | b. the quarter-finals      |
| 3. fans worldwide on the edge       | c. eventual winners        |
| 4. remained at a                    | d. of their seats          |
| 5. The results left some supporters | e. big surprises           |
| 6. left to drown                    | f. in the group stages     |
| 7. a better idea of who could be    | g. partying into the night |
| 8. there still could be a few       | h. very high level         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Brazil-Chile was the first                    | a. the post                |
| 2. went down                                     | b. late goals to get past  |
| 3. The underdogs Chile took the hosts to a nail- | c. 2-1 loss to Belgium     |
| 4. Chile's final kick hit                        | d. eased past Uruguay      |
| 5. a little easier for Colombia as they          | e. of the knockout games   |
| 6. Argentina needed very                         | f. up the competition      |
| 7. Costa Rica continued to light                 | g. to the wire             |
| 8. USA hopes ended with a thrilling              | h. biting penalty shootout |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Brazil-Chile was the first of the knockout games and went down to the wire. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ took the hosts to a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ shootout, which the hosts won when Chile's final kick hit the post. Things were a little easier for Colombia (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Uruguay 2-0. France, Holland and Argentina (10) \_\_\_\_\_ goals to get past Mexico, Nigeria and Switzerland. Costa Rica continued to light up the competition with a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ win over Greece. Algeria nearly caused an upset in their 2-1 defeat to Germany. USA hopes (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 2-1 loss to Belgium.

# 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 'goal'?
- c) Who has been your team of the tournament so far?
- d) How likely is it for an underdog like Costa Rica to go all the way?
- e) What do you think of the penalty shootouts?
- f) Do all the teams in the quarter-finals deserve to be there?
- g) What is the most exciting tie of the quarter finals?
- h) Are you happy when there are rest days at the tournament?
- i) Would Uruguay have got through if Suarez hadn't been suspended?
- j) Should teams be allowed to make more than three substitutions?

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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 do you think of extra time?
- c) Is it important for the hosts (Brazil) to stay in the tournament and get to the final?
- d) Should video be used to help referees spot diving?
- e) What has been the biggest shock of the tournament so far?
- f) Do you prefer games to finish in normal time, extra time, or on penalties?
- g) What do you think of the way games are commentated on TV?
- h) Why do so many players kick or head the ball straight at the goalkeeper?
- i) Are South American teams better than European teams?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Brazil's manager (coach)?

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

