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2014 Brazil World Cup - Round-up 4

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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 group stage of the 2014 FIFA World Cup is over and we now know the line-up for the knockout stage. Sixteen teams are through, sixteen are out. We have now seen 48 games, with 16 more to go. The first day of Round Two is an all South-American affair with Brazil against Chile, and Uruguay taking on Colombia. Another interesting game could be Holland against Mexico, with the Mexicans capable of causing a shock and beating the Dutch team. Italy and Portugal were two of the big names to exit the tournament in the final games of the group stage.

Perhaps the biggest shock of the tournament so far has been the biting incident involving Uruguay's Luis Suarez. The Uruguayan was one of the best players of the tournament and scored two fantastic goals against England. FIFA has banned Suarez for four months and nine international games for his bite on the shoulder of Italy's Giorgio Chiellini. The striker will miss the first nine Premier League games for his team club Liverpool, if the club does not sell him before then. The Uruguay Football Association has appealed the ban, calling it an "excessive decision".

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. we now know the line-up | a. on Colombia |
| 2. Sixteen teams | b. to exit the tournament |
| 3. The first day of Round Two is an all | c. for the knockout stage |
| 4. Uruguay taking | d. of the group stage |
| 5. Another interesting game could | e. are through |
| 6. capable of | f. be Holland against Mexico |
| 7. two of the big names | g. causing a shock |
| 8. the final games | h. South-American affair |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the biggest shock | a. the ban |
| 2. the biting | b. 9 Premier League games |
| 3. one of the | c. incident |
| 4. scored two | d. decision |
| 5. banned Suarez | e. of the tournament |
| 6. The striker will miss the first | f. for four months |
| 7. appealed | g. best players |
| 8. an excessive | h. fantastic goals |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ 2014 FIFA World Cup is over and we now know the line-up for the knockout stage. Sixteen (2) _____, sixteen are out. We have now seen 48 games, (3) _____. The first day of Round Two is an all South-American affair with Brazil against Chile, and Uruguay taking on Colombia. (4) _____ could be Holland against Mexico, with the Mexicans (5) _____ shock and beating the Dutch team. Italy and Portugal (6) _____ names to exit the tournament in the final games of the group stage.

Perhaps (7) _____ the tournament so far has been the biting incident involving Uruguay's Luis Suarez. The Uruguayan was (8) _____ players of the tournament and scored (9) _____ against England. FIFA has banned Suarez for four months and nine international games (10) _____ shoulder of Italy's Giorgio Chiellini. The striker will miss the first nine Premier League (11) _____ club Liverpool, if the club does not sell him before then. The Uruguay Football Association has (12) _____, calling it an "excessive decision".

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 'Brazil'?
- c) What do you think of the line-up for the first knockout stage?
- d) Who do you think will win the World Cup and why?
- e) What has been the goal of the tournament so far?
- f) Is it sad that most of the games have finished?
- g) What is the most difficult football rule to understand?
- h) How will Algeria do against Germany?
- i) Some people say this is the best World Cup ever. What do you think?
- j) What has been the most memorable moment of the tournament so far?

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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 the Luis Suarez ban?
- c) Which of the teams that are out do you feel most sorry for?
- d) Can you explain the offside rule?
- e) Why have no Asian teams gone through to the knockout stage?
- f) How will the USA do against Belgium?
- g) What has been the best goal celebration so far?
- h) What do you think of players who dive to get a penalty?
- i) What do you think that seven of twelve European teams are out?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Luis Suarez?

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) _____

