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## **2014 Brazil World Cup - The Final**

**14th July, 2014**

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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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It is called "the greatest show on Earth" and it took place in one of the greatest stadiums on Earth. It was the climax to a month of fantastic football. Almost 75,000 fans packed into Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium to witness Germany beat Argentina 1-0. A billion more fans watched on TV around the world. It was the third time the two teams had met in a World Cup Final, with Argentina winning in 1986 and the Germans triumphing four years later. Germany was appearing in a record-breaking eighth World Cup Final. It was Argentina's fifth time.

It was a very exciting and close first half. Germany dominated possession but Argentina looked dangerous on the counterattack. Higuain had the best chance after he was clear on goal after a terrible back pass from Toni Kroos. Higuain scuffed his shot wide. Higuain also had a goal ruled offside. There were few chances in a very tight second half and the game went into extra-time at 0-0, with both sets of players showing signs of weariness. Germany broke the deadlock in the 113th minute when Mario Goetze controlled a pass into the penalty box on his chest and struck the ball into the net.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the greatest show             | a. four years later      |
| 2. the climax to a month         | b. World Cup Final       |
| 3. A billion more                | c. of fantastic football |
| 4. It was the third time the two | d. in 1986               |
| 5. Argentina winning             | e. on Earth              |
| 6. the Germans triumphing        | f. teams had met         |
| 7. a record-breaking eighth      | g. fifth time            |
| 8. It was Argentina's            | h. fans watched on TV    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. It was a very exciting            | a. possession                   |
| 2. Germany dominated                 | b. offside                      |
| 3. Argentina looked dangerous        | c. deadlock in the 113th minute |
| 4. Higuain had the best chance after | d. and close first half         |
| 5. a terrible back                   | e. extra-time at 0-0            |
| 6. Higuain also had a goal ruled     | f. he was clear on goal         |
| 7. the game went into                | g. on the counterattack         |
| 8. Germany broke the                 | h. pass                         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It was a very exciting (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Germany dominated possession but Argentina (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the counterattack. Higuain had the best chance after he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ after a terrible back pass from Toni Kroos. Higuain scuffed his shot wide. Higuain also had a (10) \_\_\_\_\_. There were few chances in a very tight second half and the game went into extra-time at 0-0, with (11) \_\_\_\_\_ showing signs of weariness. Germany broke the deadlock in the 113th minute when Mario Goetze controlled a pass into the penalty (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and struck the ball into the net.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WORLD CUP FINAL 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 'champions'?
- c) What did you think of Germany's performance in the final?
- d) Are you happy with the result? (Why / Why not?)
- e) How do you think it feels to score the winning goal?
- f) Who was man of the match (or MVP - most valuable player)?
- g) Did the best team win?
- h) What do you think of penalty shootouts?
- i) What is your most memorable moment of the 2014 World Cup?
- j) How did you feel at the final whistle?

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# WORLD CUP FINAL DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What did you think of Argentina's performance in the final?
- c) What did you think of the referee's performance in the final?
- d) Would you like to have been in the Maracana Stadium? (Why?)
- e) What do you think of the Argentinian and German soccer kits?
- f) What do you think of the winning goal?
- g) Do you feel sorry for Argentina?
- h) Was this the best World Cup ever?
- i) Would a Brazil-Argentina final have been better?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Germany's 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) \_\_\_\_\_

