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Level 4

Spanish football suspended indefinitely

10th May, 2015

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html>

Spain is in shock after all the country's football games may not go ahead after May 16. This affects the final, championship-deciding rounds of matches in La Liga. This is because of a dispute between the Spanish football federation and TV companies over money. The suspension could affect 600,000 football players and 30,000 matches. Barcelona currently lead rivals Real Madrid by just two points, with three games left. There is still time for a deal.

The Spanish government wants all teams to bargain together over TV money. Currently, nearly half of all money goes to Barcelona and Real Madrid because they can negotiate their own deals. The Spanish federation said the government lacked respect for interfering in football. It said it was not included in talks on the new TV rights law. In another twist, players have threatened to strike for not being part of the talks.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/32619740>
http://www.eurosport.com/football/liga/2014-2015/reports-spanish-domestic-football-suspends-end-of-season-matches_sto4715138/story.shtml
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Spain is | a. 600,000 football players |
| 2. may not go | b. by just two points |
| 3. championship-deciding | c. dispute |
| 4. This is because of a | d. in shock |
| 5. the Spanish football | e. for a deal |
| 6. The suspension could affect | f. rounds of matches |
| 7. Barcelona currently lead rivals Real Madrid | g. ahead |
| 8. There is still time | h. federation |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. bargain together | a. rights law |
| 2. nearly half | b. in football |
| 3. they can negotiate | c. to strike |
| 4. the government lacked | d. over TV money |
| 5. interfering | e. of the talks |
| 6. talks on the new TV | f. their own deals |
| 7. players have threatened | g. respect |
| 8. not being part | h. of all money |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html>

Spain (1) _____ all the country's football games may not go ahead after May 16. (2) _____ final, championship-deciding rounds of matches in La Liga. This is (3) _____ between the Spanish football federation and TV companies over money. The suspension (4) _____ football players and 30,000 matches. Barcelona (5) _____ Real Madrid by just two points, with three games left. There is still (6) _____.

The Spanish government wants all teams (7) _____ over TV money. Currently, (8) _____ money goes to Barcelona and Real Madrid because they can (9) _____ deals. The Spanish federation said the government lacked (10) _____ in football. It said it was not included (11) _____ new TV rights law. In another twist, players have threatened (12) _____ being part of the talks.

FOOTBALL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about football 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

