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## **Level 3**

### **World Cup players must sing national anthem**

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# THE ARTICLE

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The coach (manager) of the England soccer team has told his players they must sing their national anthem before each game at the FIFA World Cup. The tournament kicks off in Brazil on June 12th. The first game is the hosts Brazil against Croatia. The eyes of the world will be on the month-long event and the England coach wants people to see the pride his players have to be playing for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to be "loud and proud". Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be wearing that England shirt. We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem comes up, it's an obvious one for me that we sing it."

In the past, many England players have not sung their national anthem before games. Hodgson introduced it for his teams when he became England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps we need to remind them, as the squad has changed so much." He was a little worried that not all the players know all the words to Britain's national anthem, called "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're great until the second verse comes along because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same passion as other teams. He said: "You very rarely play an international match against opponents who haven't got their hands on their hearts."

Sources: <http://www.express.co.uk/sport/worldcup2014/479608/Roy-Hodgson-My-boys-will-be-in-tune>  
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<http://www.bbc.com/sport/0/football/27658211>

# WARM-UPS

**1. NATIONAL ANTHEMS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about national anthems. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*coach / national anthem / tournament / hosts / pride / reporters / wearing shirts / players / manager / squad / a little worried / passion / international / hand on heart*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. PRIDE:** What makes you proud of your country? 10 = very proud; 1 = not proud. Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	Proud?	1 - 10	Why?
National anthem			
Flag			
Sports teams			
Government			
Food			
History			

**4. PROUD:** Students A **strongly** believe it's important to be proud of your national anthem; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. MY COUNTRY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the thing you are most proud of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- national anthem
- food
- history
- environmental record
- landscape
- music
- flag
- people

**6. SING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "sing". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. England soccer players must sing their national anthem or not play.     | T / F |
| b. The England coach wants the world to see his players' passion.          | T / F |
| c. The coach said his players must be "loud and proud" when they sing.     | T / F |
| d. The coach said it's obvious his players sing other anthems too.         | T / F |
| e. All England's players have a long history of singing their anthem.      | T / F |
| f. The coach started telling his players to sing the anthem two years ago. | T / F |
| g. Britain's national anthem is called "God Save Our Country".             | T / F |
| h. The coach wants his players to play with their hands on their hearts.   | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. coach      | a. versus (vs)          |
| 2. each       | b. started              |
| 3. against    | c. jog someone's memory |
| 4. country    | d. clear                |
| 5. obvious    | e. fire                 |
| 6. introduced | f. nation               |
| 7. remind     | g. manager              |
| 8. worried    | h. seldom               |
| 9. passion    | i. concerned            |
| 10. rarely    | j. every                |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. they must sing                   | a. players have          |
| 2. The tournament kicks             | b. to remind them        |
| 3. The eyes of the world will be on | c. be England players    |
| 4. see the pride his                | d. two years ago         |
| 5. We are proud to                  | e. their national anthem |
| 6. when he became England manager   | f. as other teams        |
| 7. perhaps we need                  | g. on their hearts       |
| 8. the second                       | h. off in Brazil         |
| 9. show the same passion            | i. verse                 |
| 10. got their hands                 | j. the month-long event  |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

The coach ([1] \_\_\_\_\_) of the England soccer team has told his players they must sing their national anthem before each game at the FIFA World Cup. The tournament (2) \_\_\_\_\_ off in Brazil on June 12th. The first game is the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil against Croatia. The eyes of the world will be on the month-long (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and the England coach wants people to see the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his players have to be playing for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to be "loud and (6) \_\_\_\_\_". Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be wearing that England shirt. We are proud to be England (7) \_\_\_\_\_ ...so when the national anthem comes up, it's an (8) \_\_\_\_\_ one for me that we sing it."

*pride*  
*obvious*  
*hosts*  
*manager*  
*proud*  
*kicks*  
*players*  
*event*

In the (9) \_\_\_\_\_, many England players have not sung their national anthem before games. Hodgson (10) \_\_\_\_\_ it for his teams when he became England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps we need to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them, as the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ has changed so much." He was a little worried that not all the players know all the words to Britain's national anthem, called "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're (13) \_\_\_\_\_ until the second verse comes along because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same (14) \_\_\_\_\_ as other teams. He said: "You very (15) \_\_\_\_\_ play an international match against (16) \_\_\_\_\_ who haven't got their hands on their hearts."

*great*  
*rarely*  
*squad*  
*introduced*  
*opponents*  
*past*  
*passion*  
*remind*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The tournament \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. kicks up in Brazil
  - b. kicks on in Brazil
  - c. kicks off in Brazil
  - d. kicks at in Brazil
- 2) The first game \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil against Croatia
  - a. is the host is
  - b. is the hosts'
  - c. is the hosts
  - d. is the host's
- 3) The eyes of the world will be on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. monthly-long event
  - b. month's long event
  - c. month-long event
  - d. month-longer event
- 4) The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be "proud and loud"
  - b. be "loudly and proudly"
  - c. be "loud and proud"
  - d. be "proudly and loudly"
- 5) ...so when the national anthem comes up, it's \_\_\_\_\_ for me
  - a. an obvious one
  - b. an obviously one
  - c. an oblivious one
  - d. an obviously one
- 6) Hodgson introduced it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for his team
  - b. for his teams
  - c. for this teams
  - d. for this team
- 7) perhaps we need to remind them, as \_\_\_\_\_ changed so much
  - a. the squad has
  - b. the squid has
  - c. the squared has
  - d. the skid has
- 8) He said: "We're great until the second \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. verse came along
  - b. verse come sail long
  - c. verse comers along
  - d. verse comes along
- 9) The manager wants his players to show \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the same passion
  - b. the sane passion
  - c. the say passion
  - d. the shame passion
- 10) an international match against opponents who haven't got their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hands on their heart
  - b. hands on their hearts
  - c. hand on their hearts
  - d. hand on their heart

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

The coach (manager) of the England soccer (1) \_\_\_\_\_ they must sing their national anthem before each game at the FIFA World Cup. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Brazil on June 12th. The first game is the hosts Brazil against Croatia. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ be on the month-long event and the England coach wants people to see the pride his players (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be wearing that England shirt. We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem comes up, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for me that we sing it."

In the past, many England players (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their national anthem before games. Hodgson (8) \_\_\_\_\_ his teams when he became England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps (9) \_\_\_\_\_ them, as the squad has changed so much." He was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ not all the players know all the words to Britain's national anthem, called "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're (11) \_\_\_\_\_ verse comes along because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same passion as other teams. He said: "You very rarely play an international match (12) \_\_\_\_\_ haven't got their hands on their hearts."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

1. When must the England players sing their national anthem?

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2. What will be on the month-long event?

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3. What does the England coach want people to see in his players?

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4. What does Roy Hodgson want his players to be?

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5. What is obvious to Roy Hodgson that his players must do?

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6. When did some England players not sing the national anthem?

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7. When did Roy Hodgson become England manager?

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8. What has changed a lot in the past two years?

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9. What do many players not know the words to?

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10. What do opponents have their hands on?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

1. When must the England players sing their national anthem?
  - a) during training
  - b) at half-time
  - c) every morning
  - d) before each match
2. What will be on the month-long event?
  - a) heat
  - b) eyes
  - c) balls
  - d) pressure
3. What does the England coach want people to see in his players?
  - a) skill
  - b) teamwork
  - c) pride
  - d) training
4. What does Roy Hodgson want his players to be?
  - a) loud and proud
  - b) skillful and willful
  - c) out and about
  - d) here and there
5. What is obvious to Roy Hodgson that his players must do?
  - a) pass
  - b) smile
  - c) sing
  - d) tackle
6. When did some England players not sing the national anthem?
  - a) in the 1966 World Cup Final
  - b) in the past
  - c) when the CD broke
  - d) last week
7. When did Roy Hodgson become England manager?
  - a) five years ago
  - b) four years ago
  - c) three years ago
  - d) two years ago
8. What has changed a lot in the past two years?
  - a) the England squad
  - b) the rules of football
  - c) the words to the national anthem
  - d) football kits
9. What do many players not know the words to?
  - a) the World Cup song
  - b) the FIFA motto
  - c) the second verse of the national anthem
  - d) the football rule book
10. What do opponents have their hands on?
  - a) the money
  - b) their hearts
  - c) the ball
  - d) the trophy

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – National anthem**

You think the national anthem is the thing that makes people most proud of their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people as proud. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): food, the flag or landscape.

## **Role B – Food**

You think food is the thing that makes people most proud of their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people as proud. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): national anthem, the flag or landscape.

## **Role C – Flag**

You think the flag is the thing that makes people most proud of their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people as proud. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): food, national anthem or landscape.

## **Role D – Landscape**

You think the landscape is the thing that makes people most proud of their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things don't make people as proud. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): food, the flag or national anthem.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'national' and 'anthem'.

national	anthem

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• before</li><li>• kicks</li><li>• eyes</li><li>• event</li><li>• happy</li><li>• comes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• past</li><li>• ago</li><li>• changed</li><li>• words</li><li>• passion</li><li>• hands</li></ul>
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# NATIONAL ANTHEMS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

Write five GOOD questions about national anthems 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.

# NATIONAL ANTHEMS 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 think when you hear the term 'national anthem'?
- c) What do you think of your country's national anthem?
- d) Is it important for people to sing their national anthem?
- e) What do you think of sports fans who boo national anthems?
- f) How interested are you in the FIFA World Cup?
- g) How does hearing your national anthem make you feel?
- h) What other national anthems do you like (and why)?
- i) Are you proud when you hear your national anthem played?
- j) What do the words to your national anthem mean?

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# NATIONAL ANTHEMS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should children sing their national anthem at school?
- c) Why do countries have national anthems?
- d) Does singing a national anthem make players try harder?
- e) Would you like a different national anthem for your country?
- f) Some countries play the national anthem in movie theatres before a film begins. What do you think of this?
- g) Are national anthems necessary and important?
- h) Would a world anthem be better than a national anthem?
- i) What new words would you add to your national anthem?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Roy Hodgson?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

The coach (manager) of the England soccer team has (1) \_\_\_\_ his players they must sing their national anthem before (2) \_\_\_\_ game at the FIFA World Cup. The tournament kicks (3) \_\_\_\_ in Brazil on June 12th. The first game is the hosts Brazil against Croatia. The eyes of the world will be on the month-long event and the England coach wants people to see the (4) \_\_\_\_ his players have to be playing for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to be "loud and proud". Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be (5) \_\_\_\_ that England shirt. We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem comes up, it's an obvious one for me (6) \_\_\_\_ we sing it."

In the past, many England players have not sung their national anthem before games. Hodgson (7) \_\_\_\_ it for his teams when he became England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps we need to (8) \_\_\_\_ them, as the (9) \_\_\_\_ has changed so much." He was a little worried that not all the players know all the words to Britain's national anthem, called "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're great until the (10) \_\_\_\_ verse comes along because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same passion as other teams. He said: "You very (11) \_\_\_\_ play an international match against opponents who haven't got their (12) \_\_\_\_ on their hearts."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |             |               |                |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) tell    | (b) told    | (c) telling   | (d) tells      |
| 2.  | (a) the     | (b) all     | (c) whole     | (d) each       |
| 3.  | (a) in      | (b) off     | (c) at        | (d) on         |
| 4.  | (a) proud   | (b) proudly | (c) pride     | (d) prides     |
| 5.  | (a) wearing | (b) wore    | (c) wears     | (d) worn       |
| 6.  | (a) that    | (b) for     | (c) to        | (d) all        |
| 7.  | (a) moved   | (b) placed  | (c) presented | (d) introduced |
| 8.  | (a) remind  | (b) rescind | (c) rewind    | (d) rebind     |
| 9.  | (a) company | (b) squad   | (c) mass      | (d) whole      |
| 10. | (a) two     | (b) twin    | (c) second    | (d) double     |
| 11. | (a) really  | (b) common  | (c) rarely    | (d) unusual    |
| 12. | (a) lungs   | (b) hands   | (c) knees     | (d) feet       |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The first game is the sstoh Brazil against Croatia
2. the month-long tneve
3. the epird his players have
4. be "loud and opurd"
5. England hsrit
6. it's an biusvoo one

## Paragraph 2

7. Hodgson tnoedicdur it
8. we need to demrni them
9. the sdaqu has changed
10. He was a little owrdier
11. show the same nossiap as other teams
12. an international match against etponsnpo



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) be England players...so when the national anthem comes up, it's an obvious one for me that we sing it."
- ( **1** ) The coach (manager) of the England soccer team has told his players they must sing their national
- ( ) years and perhaps we need to remind them, as the squad has changed so much." He was a little
- ( ) In the past, many England players have not sung their national anthem before games. Hodgson introduced
- ( ) long event and the England coach wants people to see the pride his players have to be playing
- ( ) it for his teams when he became England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two
- ( ) "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're great until the second verse comes along
- ( ) worried that not all the players know all the words to Britain's national anthem, called
- ( ) anthem before each game at the FIFA World Cup. The tournament kicks off in Brazil on June 12th. The first
- ( ) game is the hosts Brazil against Croatia. The eyes of the world will be on the month-
- ( ) proud". Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be wearing that England shirt. We are proud to
- ( ) because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same passion as
- ( ) other teams. He said: "You very rarely play an international match against opponents who haven't got their hands on their hearts."
- ( ) for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to be "loud and

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

1. before anthem national their Sing game each.

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2. on of long be eyes will The month- world the the event.

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3. to pride have playing the players be See his.

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4. are be England We to that happy wearing shirt.

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5. players England be to proud are We.

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6. not sung England their players national have anthem.

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7. manager When two he years became ago England.

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8. players not words know all Worried all the that the.

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9. teams as same Show other passion the.

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10. an play Rarely opponents against match international.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

The coach (manager) of the England soccer team has *tell / told* his players they must sing their national anthem before *all / each* game at the FIFA World Cup. The tournament kicks *off / on* in Brazil on June 12th. The first game is the *hosts / hosting* Brazil against Croatia. The eyes of the world will be *in / on* the month-long event and the England coach wants *person / people* to see the pride his players have to *do / be* playing for their country. The coach, Roy Hodgson, said he wants his players to be "*loud / loudly* and proud". Mr Hodgson told reporters: "We are happy to be wearing *that / what* England shirt. We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem comes up, it's an obvious *once / one* for me that we sing it."

In the *past / passed*, many England players have not sung their national anthem before games. Hodgson introduced it *for / of* his teams when he *became / become* England manager two years ago. He said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps we need to *reminder / remind* them, as the squad has changed *so / such* much." He was a little worried that not all the players know all the words *for / to* Britain's national anthem, called "God Save The Queen". He said: "We're great until the second *voice / verse* comes along because we don't really know that." The manager wants his players to show the same *passionate / passion* as other teams. He said: "You very *rarely / really* play an international match against *opponents / opposites* who haven't got their hands on their hearts."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

Th\_ c\_\_ch (m\_n\_g\_r) \_f th\_ \_ngl\_nd s\_cc\_r t\_\_m h\_s  
t\_ld h\_s pl\_y\_rs th\_y m\_st s\_ng th\_\_r n\_t\_\_n\_l\_\_nth\_m  
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t\_ b\_ \_ngl\_nd pl\_y\_rs...s\_ wh\_n th\_ n\_t\_\_n\_l\_\_nth\_m  
c\_m\_s \_p, \_t's \_n \_bv\_\_s \_n\_ f\_r m\_ th\_t w\_ s\_ng  
\_t."

\_n th\_ p\_st, m\_ny \_ngl\_nd pl\_y\_rs h\_v\_ n\_t s\_ng th\_\_r  
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f\_r h\_s t\_\_ms wh\_n h\_ b\_c\_m\_ \_ngl\_nd m\_n\_g\_r tw\_  
y\_\_rs \_g\_. H\_ s\_\_d: "Th\_y'v\_ b\_\_n d\_\_ng \_t f\_r tw\_  
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sq\_\_d h\_s ch\_ng\_d s\_ m\_ch." H\_ w\_s \_lttl\_ w\_rr\_\_d  
th\_t n\_t \_\_ll th\_ pl\_y\_rs kn\_w \_\_ll th\_ w\_rds t\_ Br\_t\_\_n's  
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s\_\_d: "W\_'r\_ gr\_\_t \_nt\_l th\_ s\_c\_nd v\_rs\_ c\_m\_s \_l\_ng  
b\_c\_\_s\_ w\_ d\_n't r\_\_lly kn\_w th\_t." Th\_ m\_n\_g\_r w\_nts  
h\_s pl\_y\_rs t\_ sh\_w th\_ s\_m\_ p\_ss\_\_n\_s \_th\_r t\_\_ms.  
H\_ s\_\_d: "Y\_\_ v\_ry r\_r\_ly pl\_y \_n \_nt\_rn\_t\_\_n\_l\_m\_tch  
\_g\_\_nst \_pp\_n\_nts wh\_ h\_v\_n't g\_t th\_\_r h\_nds \_n  
th\_\_r h\_\_rts."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem.html>

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about national anthems. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. NATIONAL ANTHEMS:** Make a poster about your national anthem. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. PRIDE:** Write a magazine article about national anthems making people proud of their country. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on national anthems. Ask him/her three questions about national anthems. Give him/her three of your thoughts on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. coach      | a. manager              |
| 2. each       | b. every                |
| 3. against    | c. versus (vs)          |
| 4. country    | d. nation               |
| 5. obvious    | e. clear                |
| 6. introduced | f. started              |
| 7. remind     | g. jog someone's memory |
| 8. worried    | h. concerned            |
| 9. passion    | i. fire                 |
| 10. rarely    | j. seldom               |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Before each game
2. The eyes of the world
3. Pride
4. Loud and proud
5. Sing
6. In the past
7. Two years ago
8. The England squad
9. The second verse of the national anthem
10. Their hearts

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)