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## **2014 Brazil World Cup - Round-up 3**

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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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We have reached the stage of the tournament where the final games of the group stage are taking place and will soon know the line-up for Round Two – the knockout stage. Holland topped their group with a maximum nine points after a comfortable win over second-placed Chile. The final two places in group A could have been taken by Brazil, Mexico or Croatia when the last two games began. Brazil's 4-1 victory over Cameroon means they play Chile in Round Two. Mexico defeated Croatia 3-1 and will face Holland next.

Elsewhere in the tournament, there have already been more than 100 goals scored. This includes one for Germany's 36-year-old striker Miroslav Klose who came off the bench against Ghana to net his 15th World Cup goal. He is now joint-top, all-time World Cup record scorer with 15 goals. He shares that position with Brazil legend Ronaldo. Neymar is leading the race for the 2014 Golden Boot with his fourth goal. In a tournament of firsts, the World Cup saw its first ever water break in the extreme heat of the draw between Portugal and the USA.

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the stage            | a. stage                 |
| 2. the final games of   | b. in group A            |
| 3. the knockout         | c. their group           |
| 4. Holland topped       | d. of the tournament     |
| 5. a maximum            | e. victory over Cameroon |
| 6. The final two places | f. defeated Croatia 3-1  |
| 7. Brazil's 4-1         | g. the group stage       |
| 8. Mexico               | h. nine points           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Elsewhere                  | a. the bench                  |
| 2. came off                   | b. of firsts                  |
| 3. net his                    | c. record scorer              |
| 4. all-time World Cup         | d. with Brazil legend Ronaldo |
| 5. He shares that position    | e. heat                       |
| 6. Neymar is leading the race | f. 15th World Cup goal        |
| 7. a tournament               | g. for the 2014 Golden Boot   |
| 8. in the extreme             | h. in the tournament          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the tournament where the final games of the group stage (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and will soon know the line-up for Round Two – the knockout stage. Holland topped their group (3) \_\_\_\_\_ points after (4) \_\_\_\_\_ over second-placed Chile. The final two places in group A could have been taken by Brazil, Mexico or Croatia when the last two games began. Brazil's 4-1 victory over Cameroon (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Chile in Round Two. Mexico defeated Croatia 3-1 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Holland next.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ tournament, there have already been more than 100 goals scored. This includes one for Germany's 36-year-old striker Miroslav Klose who (8) \_\_\_\_\_ against Ghana to net his 15th World Cup goal. He (9) \_\_\_\_\_, all-time World Cup record scorer with 15 goals. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with Brazil legend Ronaldo. Neymar is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the 2014 Golden Boot with his fourth goal. In a tournament of firsts, the World Cup saw its first ever water break (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the draw between Portugal and the USA.

# 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) What do you think of the tournament so far?
- d) What do you say to people who think there is too much football on TV?
- e) Will Brazil win the tournament?
- f) Which team has the best kit (uniform) and why?
- g) What do you think of the refereeing so far?
- h) Has Brazil done a good job of hosting the games?
- i) Will you watch the new FIFA movie in which Sepp Blatter is a hero?
- j) What do you think of Neymar?

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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 idea of having water breaks during games?
- c) Would the tournament be better if Spain and England were still in it?
- d) A manager once said football is more important than life and death. What do you think of this?
- e) Will the knockout games be played differently to the group games?
- f) Are you good at talking about football?
- g) What position would you like to play in a football team?
- h) FIFA says "No to racism". Is the World Cup good at reducing discrimination?
- i) What are the differences between European, African and South American teams?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Brazil's star striker Neymar?

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

