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**Level 2** – 23rd September, 2021

## Philippine boxing legend to run for president

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend-2.html>

Boxing legend Manny Pacquiao said he will run for president in the 2022 elections. Mr Pacquiao has been a senator in the Philippines since 2016. He said the Filipino people need a new government. He believes his boxing career has helped him in politics and will give him the skills he needs to be president. He said: "I'm a fighter, and I will always be a fighter inside and outside the ring." He added: "We need government to serve our people." Other sporting heroes have become leaders of their country, like Pakistan's cricketing hero Imran Khan and Liberia's soccer icon George Weah.

Pacquiao is one of the best professional boxers of all time. He is the only boxer in history to be world champion at eight different levels. He won twelve world titles and is the only boxer to hold world championships across four decades. Pacquiao has been successful outside of his boxing and political careers. He was head coach and a player for a Philippine basketball team. He has also starred in movies, presented TV shows, and released best-selling albums and songs. He is also a preacher, philanthropist and YouTube personality.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2021/09/20/1038905560/boxer-manny-pacquiao-running-for-president-the-philippines>  
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manny\\_Pacquiao](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manny_Pacquiao)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. he will run for       | a. be a fighter     |
| 2. in the 2022           | b. hero             |
| 3. give him the skills   | c. outside the ring |
| 4. I will always         | d. elections        |
| 5. inside and            | e. country          |
| 6. sporting              | f. he needs         |
| 7. leaders of their      | g. president        |
| 8. Pakistan's cricketing | h. heroes           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. one of the best professional boxers | a. and a player      |
| 2. world champion at eight different   | b. and songs         |
| 3. four                                | c. personality       |
| 4. his boxing and                      | d. decades           |
| 5. He was head coach                   | e. of all time       |
| 6. He has also starred                 | f. political careers |
| 7. released best-selling albums        | g. levels            |
| 8. YouTube                             | h. in movies         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BOXING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210923-boxing-legend-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about boxing 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

