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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 10/06/14

## FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014

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Many Brazilians have questioned the lavish spending on the new stadiums at the expense of schools and hospitals in a country beset with social inequality. Brazilians are right to doubt the economic benefits of hosting a World Cup.

Is Brazil ready for the World Cup? Many would say the country isn't ready. Some stadiums and infrastructure remain uncompleted. Workers have been on strike. There has been allegations of rampant corruption. With Brazil also hosting the Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro will the necessary work be completed on time?

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things about the World Cup. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

#### Student A questions

- 1) In what country is the 2014 world cup taking place?
- 2) Name three venues.
- 3) Where will the final be played?
- 4) Where was the World Cup played in 1950?
- 5) What is the most important question?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Who have been sceptical about what?
- 2) What does 'sceptical' mean?
- 3) There have been allegations about what?
- 4) What have the politicians tried to justify?
- 5) The World Cup comes complete with what?

**Category: Football / World Cup / Brazil 2014**  
**Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### SPEAKING

#### World Cup Groups

##### Group A

Brazil  
Croatia  
Mexico  
Cameroon

##### Group B

Spain  
Netherlands  
Chile  
Australia

##### Group C

Columbia  
Greece  
Ivory Coast  
Japan

##### Group D

Uruguay  
Costa Rica  
England  
Italy

##### Group E

Switzerland  
Ecuador  
France  
Honduras

##### Group F

Argentina  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Iran

Nigeria

##### Group G

Germany  
Portugal  
Ghana  
United States

##### Group H

Belgium  
Algeria  
Russia  
South Korea

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. There are up to four guests. You are in the Radio Brazil English language TV studio. Today's interview is: *FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014. 10 mins.*

- 1) A footballer from one of the teams on the left.
- 2) A football fan.
- 3) A hotel owner in Brazil.
- 4) A taxi driver in Brazil.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* Student A is in your country. Student B is in Brazil watching some of the games (Imagine!). You are speaking to each other on a social networking site about the games you have seen, or will see, on TV or live in Brazil. *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

*Allow 10 minutes – As a class.*

*FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014*

*Look at the groups on the left.*

*Discuss together*

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Who is going to win this year's World Cup?
- 3) Will you be watching the World Cup on TV?
- 4) Will you be going to Brazil to watch any games live?
- 5) Do you know anyone who will go to Brazil to watch any of the games live?
- 6) Who are the underdogs?
- 7) Is Brazil ready for the World Cup?
- 8) Does it matter that the infrastructure is not finished in Brazil in time for the matches?
- 9) Who will host the World Cup in 2018?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Which country will host the World Cup in 2022?
- 3) Are you a football fan?
- 4) Which is your favourite football team?
- 5) Are you a true football supporter?
- 6) Who will be the best player during this year's World Cup?
- 7) Where was the World Cup played four years ago?
- 8) Which teams have the best chances of getting to the final?
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

**GAP FILL: READING**

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**event / final / enormous / venues / stadiums / previous / match / stage**

Many Brazilians have been (1)\_\_\_ about these claims with thousands taking part in street protests, many of which turned into (2)\_\_\_.

Many Brazilians have questioned the lavish spending on the new stadiums at the expense of schools and hospitals in a country beset with social (3)\_\_\_.

Brazilians are right to (4)\_\_\_ the economic benefits of hosting a World Cup.

Is Brazil ready for the World Cup? Many would say the country isn't ready. Some stadiums and (5)\_\_\_ remain uncompleted. Workers have been on strike. There has been allegations of (6)\_\_\_ (7)\_\_\_.

With Brazil also hosting the Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro will the necessary work be completed on time? The most important question for (8)\_\_\_ fans is who is going to win this year's World Cup?

**corruption / football / riots / doubt / rampant / infrastructure / sceptical / inequality**

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**in / on / at / of / the / its / and / who**

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Is Brazil ready for the World Cup? (3)\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_ say the country isn't ready. (5)\_\_\_ stadiums and infrastructure remain uncompleted. Workers have been on strike. (6)\_\_\_ has been allegations of rampant corruption. With Brazil also hosting the Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro will the necessary work be completed on time? The (7)\_\_\_ important question for football fans is who is going to win (8)\_\_\_ year's World Cup?

**this / would / most / there / these / some / many / which**

**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

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**WRITING/SPELLING**

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**1) On the board - In pairs, as a class - write down 20 different things about Brazil. Talk about them! 5 mins.**

**2) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.**

- 1) The World Cup \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The final \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I support \_\_\_\_\_

**3) On the board - In pairs, as a class - Who won the Cup in 2010, 2006, 2002, 1998 and 1994? Talk about what you can remember about them! Which was the best final? 5 mins.**

**4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014*. Your email can be read out in class.**

**GAP FILL READING**

- 1) previous
- 2) stadiums
- 3) stage
- 4) venues
- 5) match
- 6) final
- 7) enormous
- 8) event

**ANSWERS**

- 1) sceptical
- 2) riots
- 3) inequality
- 4) doubt
- 5) infrastructure
- 6) rampant
- 7) corruption
- 8) football

**SPELLING**

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) stadiums
- 2) corporate
- 3) sponsors
- 4) venues
- 5) between
- 6) complete
- 7) tourists
- 8) mega
- 9) billions
- 10) stadiums

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

- Pass = 12**
- Good = 15**
- Very good = 18**
- Excellent = 20**

- 11) politicians
- 12) justify
- 13) enormous
- 14) transportation
- 15) sceptical
- 16) riots
- 17) lavish
- 18) inequality
- 19) infrastructure
- 20) rampant

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