

# www.newsflashenglish.com

The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 05/06/14

## Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022?

Should Qatar host the football World Cup in 2022? It is a debatable point...

FIFA has been under pressure to re-run the vote on who should host the 2022 World Cup after new allegations of corruption. The Qatar Bid Committee has however, denied any wrongdoing following recent reports of corruption in *The Sunday Times*. The newspaper alleged Mohamed Bin Hammam, a former FIFA executive member for Qatar, made payments totalling US\$5 million (£2.98m) to football bosses to secure support for the bid.

FIFA Head Sepp Blatter said recently it is now probable the tournament will not be held in the summer, when temperatures can reach 50°C. In an interview with Swiss TV channel *RTS* Mr Blatter said, "We made a mistake. A mistake. You know we make lots of mistakes in life."

An official decision on this is due at the end of the year. Mr Blatter has insisted Qatar had not "bought" the World Cup.

UEFA's 54 member countries recently voted in favour of switching the 2022 World Cup from summer to winter, even though the rest of European football has reservations about this because of other competitions. There are great worries about how the players will cope with the intense heat and how fans will cope with the heat away from the stadiums.

Meanwhile Qatar has promised to reform labour laws after an outcry in *The Guardian* newspaper in Britain about 'World Cup Slaves'. The paper investigated the abuse and exploitation of migrant workers preparing the Emirate for the 2022 tournament. Over the last two years nearly 1,000 migrant workers have been killed in Qatar.

### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Where is Qatar? Think of three things you know about Qatar. 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) Who is Sepp Blatter?
- 2) Name the country.
- 3) Where is this country?
- 4) What did Mr Blatter say?
- 5) What does 'corruption' mean?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Name the TV station and newspapers.
- 2) Explain the title 'World Cup Slaves'.
- 3) Who are FIFA and UEFA?
- 4) Why have FIFA been under pressure to re-run the vote to host the 2022 World Cup?
- 5) When is the 2022 World Cup likely to be held? Why?

**Category: Sport / Football / World Cup  
Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

## Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**2022 World Cup Qatar**'. *One-two minutes.* Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – Choose three things from the article about the **2022 World Cup in Qatar**. Write them below. Talk about them.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three other things you know about it. What are your conclusions?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*On the board/In pairs* – List five advantages and disadvantages of Qatar hosting the 2022 World Cup. Discuss together. *5 mins.*

*The teacher* will choose some students to hear their explanations.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? Explain.
- 3) Why didn't England win the bid to host the 2022 World Cup?
- 4) Which countries would you like to host future football World Cups?
- 5) Who will win the World Cup in 2014?
- 6) Did Sepp Blatter make a mistake by allowing Qatar to host the World Cup in 2022? Explain!
- 7) How much corruption do you think has gone on in order that Qatar won the bid to host the 2022 World Cup?
- 8) Will you be going to Qatar in 2022?
- 9) Will you be watching the World Cup in 2022 on TV?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* You are one of the following four guests or are the interviewer. You are in the NBC TV studio in London. Today's interview is: *Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? - 10 mins.*

- 1) A professional footballer from Europe.
- 2) Sepp Blatter.
- 3) A football fan.
- 4) A migrant worker in Qatar from Nepal.

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

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* Student A thinks Qatar should host the football World Cup in 2022. Student B thinks not! *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

*In pairs.* Student A is a migrant worker from Nepal/India. Student B is a journalist. Student B talks to student A about living and working conditions in Qatar for migrant workers. *5 mins.*

### SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

*Allow 10 minutes – As a class.*

<i>Should Qatar host the football World Cup in 2022?</i>
--

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) Will players drop like flies if they play football in Qatar in the summer?
- 2) Would you be able to play football when it is 50°C?
- 3) Surely for medical reasons the football tournament should be rescheduled to winter time rather than in the summer in Qatar in 2022?
- 4) Are you a football fan?
- 5) Did Qatar "buy" the world Cup?
- 6) Is FIFA corrupt? Explain.
- 7) Should Sepp Blatter stand down as Head of FIFA?
- 8) Would you like to be a migrant worker who is building the hotels and stadiums needed for the World Cup in Qatar in 2022? Explain!
- 9) Has this been a difficult lesson for you to understand?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**GAP FILL: READING**

**Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022?**

Should Qatar host the football World Cup in 2022? It is a (1)\_\_\_ point...

FIFA has been under pressure to (2)\_\_\_ the vote on who should host the 2022 World Cup after new (3)\_\_\_ of corruption. The Qatar Bid Committee has however, denied any (4)\_\_\_ following recent reports of (5)\_\_\_ in *The Sunday Times*. The newspaper alleged Mohamed Bin Hammam, a former FIFA executive member for Qatar, made payments totalling US\$5 million (£2.98m) to football bosses to (6)\_\_\_ support for the bid.

FIFA Head Sepp Blatter said recently it is now (7)\_\_\_ the tournament will not be held in the summer, when temperatures can reach 50°C. In an interview with Swiss TV channel *RTS* Mr Blatter said, "We made a (8)\_\_\_ . A mistake. You know we make lots of mistakes in life."

**corruption / debatable / re-run / probable / mistake / wrongdoing / allegations / secure**

An official decision on this is due at the end of the year. Mr Blatter has insisted Qatar had not "bought" the World Cup.

UEFA's 54 member countries recently voted in (1)\_\_\_ of switching the 2022 World Cup from summer to winter, even though the rest of European football has reservations about this because of other competitions. There are great worries about how the players will (2)\_\_\_ with the intense heat and how fans will cope with the (3)\_\_\_ away from the (4)\_\_\_.

Meanwhile Qatar has promised to (5)\_\_\_ labour laws after an outcry in *The Guardian* newspaper in Britain about 'World Cup Slaves'. The paper investigated the (6)\_\_\_ and (7)\_\_\_ of migrant workers preparing the Emirate for the 2022 tournament. Over the last two years nearly 1,000 (8)\_\_\_ workers have been killed in Qatar.

**reform / cope / abuse / heat / exploitation / migrant / favour / stadiums**

**GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

**Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022?**

Should Qatar host the football World Cup in 2022? It is a debatable point...

FIFA has been under pressure to re-run the vote (1)\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_ should host the 2022 World Cup after new allegations of corruption. The Qatar Bid Committee has however, denied (3)\_\_\_ wrongdoing following recent reports (4)\_\_\_ corruption in *The Sunday Times*. The newspaper alleged Mohamed Bin Hammam, a former FIFA executive member for Qatar, made payments totalling US\$5 million (£2.98m) to football bosses to secure support (5)\_\_\_ the bid.

FIFA Head Sepp Blatter said recently it is now probable the tournament will not be held in the summer, when temperatures can reach 50°C. In an interview with Swiss TV channel *RTS* Mr Blatter said, "We made a mistake. (6)\_\_\_ mistake. (7)\_\_\_ know (8)\_\_\_ make lots of mistakes in life."

**for / you / any / who / we / on / of / a**

An official decision on (1)\_\_\_ is due at the end of the year. Mr Blatter has insisted Qatar had not "bought" the World Cup.

UEFA's 54 member countries recently voted in favour of switching the 2022 World Cup from summer to winter, (2)\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_ the rest of European football has reservations about this because of (4)\_\_\_ competitions. There are great worries (5)\_\_\_ how the players will cope with the intense heat and how fans will cope (6)\_\_\_ the heat away from the stadiums.

(7)\_\_\_ Qatar has promised to reform labour laws after an outcry in *The Guardian* newspaper in Britain about 'World Cup Slaves'. The paper investigated the abuse and exploitation of migrant workers preparing the Emirate for the 2022 tournament. (8)\_\_\_ the last two years nearly 1,000 migrant workers have been killed in Qatar.

**over / about / other / this / though / with / even / meanwhile**

Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**GAP FILL: LISTENING**

**Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022?**

Should Qatar host \_\_\_\_\_ in 2022? It is a debatable point...

FIFA has been under pressure to re-run the vote on who should host the 2022 World Cup after new \_\_\_\_\_. The Qatar Bid Committee has however, denied any wrongdoing following recent reports of corruption in *The Sunday Times*. The newspaper alleged Mohamed Bin Hammam, a former FIFA \_\_\_\_\_ Qatar, made payments totalling US\$5 million (£2.98m) to football bosses to secure support for the bid.

FIFA Head Sepp Blatter said recently it is now probable \_\_\_\_\_ not be held in the summer, when temperatures can reach 50°C. In an interview with Swiss TV channel RTS Mr Blatter said, "\_\_\_\_\_. A mistake. You know we make lots of mistakes in life."

An \_\_\_\_\_ this is due at the end of the year. Mr Blatter has insisted Qatar had not "bought" the World Cup.

UEFA's 54 member countries recently voted in favour of switching the 2022 World Cup \_\_\_\_\_, even though the rest of European football has reservations about this because of other competitions. There are great worries about how the players will cope with the intense heat and \_\_\_\_\_ with the heat away from the stadiums.

Meanwhile Qatar has promised to reform labour laws after an outcry in *The Guardian* newspaper in Britain about '\_\_\_\_\_. The paper investigated the abuse and exploitation of migrant workers preparing the Emirate for the 2022 tournament. Over the last two years nearly 1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ been killed in Qatar.

**www.newsflashenglish.com**

Copyright D. J. Robinson 2014 (V1)

**WRITING/SPELLING**

**WRITING / SPEAKING**

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

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

- 1) Qatar \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The World Cup \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Fans \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Homework** - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022?** Your email can be read out in class.

**GAP FILL READING**

- 1) debatable
- 2) re-run
- 3) allegations
- 4) wrongdoing
- 5) corruption
- 6) secure
- 7) probable
- 8) mistake

**SPELLING**

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

- 1) Qatar
- 2) should
- 3) pressure
- 4) host
- 5) allegations
- 6) corruption
- 7) recently
- 8) temperatures
- 9) mistake
- 10) official

**ANSWERS**

- 1) favour
- 2) heat
- 3) cope
- 4) stadiums
- 5) reform
- 6) abuse
- 7) exploitation
- 8) migrant

**SPELLING**

Use the following ratings:

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

- 11) favour
- 12) though
- 13) reservations
- 14) due
- 15) cope
- 16) stadiums
- 17) outcry
- 18) meanwhile
- 19) abuse
- 20) exploitation

Should Qatar host the World Cup in 2022? - *5<sup>th</sup> June 2014*