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## **Level 2**

# **Blatter boss of FIFA for 4 more years**

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# THE READING

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Sepp Blatter is once again president of FIFA. The 79-year-old beat his only rival, Prince Ali bin al-Hussein, in a vote on Friday. Mr Blatter now has another four years as FIFA's boss. In his victory speech, he said: "I am the president now. The president of everybody." A big corruption scandal emerged on Wednesday. Seven top FIFA officials were arrested. Many people want Blatter to resign. There have been too many scandals at FIFA since he became president in 1998. Britain's leader David Cameron said Blatter should quit and "the sooner the better".

Mr Blatter took responsibility for all that is wrong with FIFA. He said he would bring change and work to put FIFA in a "strong position". The boss of England's Football Association said: "I cannot see FIFA reforming itself under Blatter. He's had 16 years to reform it and he hasn't done it." In those 16 years, the World Cup took place in South Africa and a lot of money went to build the game in Asia and Africa. However, FIFA's sponsors are asking big questions about the scandals. One of these is why FIFA is doing so little about the 1,200 workers who have died to make the Qatar 2022 World Cup.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-32937639>  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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| 1. Sepp Blatter is once again        | a. quit                     |
| 2. The 79-year-old beat              | b. emerged                  |
| 3. victory                           | c. the better               |
| 4. A big corruption scandal          | d. became president in 1998 |
| 5. There have been too               | e. president of FIFA        |
| 6. since he                          | f. speech                   |
| 7. David Cameron said Blatter should | g. his only rival           |
| 8. the sooner                        | h. many scandals            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mr Blatter took responsibility | a. Football Association  |
| 2. He said he would               | b. questions             |
| 3. work to put FIFA in a          | c. bring change          |
| 4. The boss of England's          | d. "strong position"     |
| 5. He's had 16 years              | e. in Asia               |
| 6. build the game                 | f. for all that is wrong |
| 7. sponsors are asking big        | g. so little             |
| 8. why FIFA is doing              | h. to reform it          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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