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## Level 5

### Former Brazilian president in jail

10th April, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180410-corruption-5.html>

Brazil's ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is in jail. He was sentenced to 12 years behind bars for money laundering and corruption. It is a big downfall for the popular ex-leader. Mr da Silva still has huge support. Hours before giving himself to the police, his supporters were trying to stop him from going. Hundreds of supporters from a workers' union blocked the gate to stop Mr da Silva's car from leaving. It was only with the help of his bodyguards that he could get past the crowds. This meant clashes with armed police were avoided.

Mr da Silva is known as Lula. He was born in poverty but worked his way up workers' unions to become leader of South America's largest country. He was elected President in 2002 and served from 2003 to 2010. During his two terms, he started social welfare programs and improved the economy. This helped tens of millions out of poverty, which increased his popularity. Former U.S. President Barack Obama called him, "the most popular politician on Earth". When he left office, his approval rating was an impressive 83 per cent. He hopes to run for president again one day.

Sources: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/04/08/once-wildly-popular-brazils-da-silva-is-jailed-for-graft.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180410-corruption-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 12 years                       | a. crowds            |
| 2. a big downfall for the popular | b. leaving           |
| 3. Mr da Silva still              | c. ex-leader         |
| 4. a workers' union blocked       | d. with armed police |
| 5. stop Mr da Silva's car from    | e. has huge support  |
| 6. with the help                  | f. the gate          |
| 7. get past the                   | g. behind bars       |
| 8. clashes                        | h. of his bodyguards |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. He was born                 | a. rating              |
| 2. During his two              | b. programs            |
| 3. social welfare              | c. for president again |
| 4. helped tens of millions out | d. popularity          |
| 5. increased his               | e. in poverty          |
| 6. the most popular            | f. terms               |
| 7. approval                    | g. politician on Earth |
| 8. He hopes to run             | h. of poverty          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Brazil's ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (1) \_\_\_\_\_. He was sentenced to 12 years (2) \_\_\_\_\_ money laundering and corruption. It is a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the popular ex-leader. Mr da Silva still has huge support. Hours before giving himself to the police, his (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop him from going. Hundreds of supporters from a workers' union blocked the gate to stop Mr da Silva's car from leaving. It was only with the help (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that he could get past the crowds. This meant clashes (6) \_\_\_\_\_ were avoided.

Mr da Silva is known as Lula. He was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ but worked his way up workers' unions to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ South America's largest country. He was elected President in 2002 and served from 2003 to 2010. During (9) \_\_\_\_\_, he started social welfare programs and improved the economy. This helped tens of millions (10) \_\_\_\_\_, which increased his popularity. Former U.S. President Barack Obama called him, "the most (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Earth". When he left office, his approval rating was an impressive 83 per cent. He hopes (12) \_\_\_\_\_ president again one day.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CORRUPTION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180410-corruption-4.html>

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

