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## **South America soccer title won after riot**

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# THE ARTICLE

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One of Brazil's most famous football clubs has won South America's top club tournament. The Brazilian club Sao Paulo won the final of the Copa Sudamericana. However, there are big questions about how they got their victory. They were declared winners after the other team, Tigre from Argentina, refused to come onto the pitch for the second half of the game. The players and coaches from the Argentine club said they feared for their lives. Tigre officials said security guards at Sao Paulo's Morumbi Stadium beat them and pulled guns on them as they went to the dressing room after the first half. The whole footballing world is now concerned about safety and security at the FIFA World Cup in 2014.

Sao Paulo were winning the game two-nil before the referee called the game off. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's website that Tigre were afraid of losing badly so they started causing trouble in the half-time break. He said: "They were going to lose by a big score. Our biggest victory is the fact that the Argentines ran away." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They came here to fight, not to play." Tigre's players totally disagreed. They said about 20 police and security staff waited for them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were full of photographs of a dressing room covered in blood. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was crazy."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-20710615>  
<http://www.sambafoot.com/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. FOOTBALL (SOCCER):** Walk around the class and talk to other students about football (soccer). Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*famous football clubs / final / victory / second half / dressing room / FIFA World Cup / winning / losing badly / causing trouble / big score / totally disagreed / photographs*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. VIOLENCE:** How much violence is there in sport? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

| Sport      | What kind of violence? | What happens to the players? |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Soccer     |                        |                              |
| Tennis     |                        |                              |
| Cricket    |                        |                              |
| Boxing     |                        |                              |
| Ice hockey |                        |                              |
| Basketball |                        |                              |

**4. SOCCER:** Students A **strongly** believe soccer is the best sport in the world; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. POSITION:** What position would you like to play in soccer? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- goalkeeper
- defender
- winger
- midfielder
- coach
- player's agent
- centre forward
- centre back

**6. TOURNAMENT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'tournament'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Rioting fans in a South American soccer stadium stopped a cup final.     | T / F |
| b. A Brazilian team won the Copa Sudamericana tournament.                   | T / F |
| c. The other team's players were too afraid to play the second half.        | T / F |
| d. The Argentinian team said security guards pulled guns on them.           | T / F |
| e. It was nil-nil as the two teams went to the dressing rooms at half time. | T / F |
| f. Brazil's president said on a club website the other team feared losing.  | T / F |
| g. Sao Paulo's goalkeeper said the Tigre team came to play, not fight.      | T / F |
| h. Argentina's press showed photos of a blood-covered dressing room.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. tournament | a. announced   |
| 2. victory    | b. zero        |
| 3. declared   | c. worried     |
| 4. pitch      | d. coated      |
| 5. concerned  | e. frightened  |
| 6. nil        | f. competition |
| 7. afraid     | g. completely  |
| 8. causing    | h. win         |
| 9. totally    | i. field       |
| 10. covered   | j. creating    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. South America's top          | a. disagreed             |
| 2. big questions about how they | b. half of the game      |
| 3. refused to come              | c. by a big score        |
| 4. the second                   | d. losing badly          |
| 5. pulled                       | e. got their victory     |
| 6. the referee called           | f. room covered in blood |
| 7. afraid of                    | g. club tournament       |
| 8. lose                         | h. guns on them          |
| 9. Tigre's players totally      | i. the game off          |
| 10. photographs of a dressing   | j. onto the pitch        |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

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**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

One of Brazil's most famous football clubs has won South America's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ club tournament. The Brazilian club Sao Paolo won the final of the Copa Sudamericana. However, there are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ questions about how they got their (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They were declared winners (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the other team, Tigre from Argentina, refused to come onto the pitch for the second (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the game. The players and coaches from the Argentine club said they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for their lives. Tigre officials said security guards at Sao Paolo's Morumbi Stadium beat them and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ guns on them as they went to the dressing room after the first half. The whole footballing world is now concerned about safety and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at the FIFA World Cup in 2014.

*pulled*  
*victory*  
*feared*  
*after*  
*top*  
*security*  
*big*  
*half*

Sao Paolo were winning the game two-(9) \_\_\_\_\_ before the referee called the game (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's website that Tigre were afraid of losing (11) \_\_\_\_\_ so they started causing trouble in the half-time break. He said: "They were going to lose by a big (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Our biggest victory is the fact that the Argentines ran away." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They came here to (13) \_\_\_\_\_, not to play." Tigre's players totally disagreed. They said about 20 police and security (14) \_\_\_\_\_ waited for them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were full of photographs of a dressing room (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in blood. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*covered*  
*fight*  
*off*  
*crazy*  
*nil*  
*badly*  
*staff*  
*score*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) One of Brazil's most famous football clubs has won South America's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. top tournament club
  - b. top club tournament
  - c. tournament top club
  - d. club top tournament
- 2) However, there are \_\_\_\_\_ questions about how they \_\_\_\_\_ their victory.
  - a. big / won
  - b. bigger / got
  - c. biggish / won
  - d. big / got
- 3) they \_\_\_\_\_ lives
  - a. afraid of their
  - b. feared of their
  - c. afraid for their
  - d. feared for their
- 4) beat them and pulled \_\_\_\_\_ they went to the dressing room
  - a. guns on them as
  - b. gun zone them as
  - c. guns arm them as
  - d. guns on themselves
- 5) The whole footballing world \_\_\_\_\_ safety and security
  - a. is now concerned about
  - b. about is now concerned
  - c. now is concerned about
  - d. concerned is about now
- 6) Sao Paolo were winning the game \_\_\_\_\_ referee called the game off.
  - a. two-nil after the
  - b. to kneel before the
  - c. two-nil before the
  - d. too nil by four
- 7) they started causing trouble \_\_\_\_\_ break
  - a. the time in half
  - b. half in the-time
  - c. in the half-time
  - d. time in the half
- 8) Our biggest victory \_\_\_\_\_ Argentines ran away.
  - a. is the fact that the
  - b. the fact is that the
  - c. is a fact that a
  - d. is the fact then a
- 9) They said about \_\_\_\_\_ waited for them and attacked them
  - a. 20 staff and police security
  - b. 200 police and security staff
  - c. 20 security police and staff
  - d. 20 police and security staff
- 10) newspapers \_\_\_\_\_ dressing room covered in blood
  - a. woeful of photographs for a
  - b. were full of photographs of a
  - c. were fuller photographs of a
  - d. were full of photographers a

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ famous football clubs has won South America's top club tournament. The Brazilian club Sao Paolo won the final of the Copa Sudamericana. However, there are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ they got their victory. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the other team, Tigre from Argentina, refused to come onto the pitch for the second (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The players and coaches from the Argentine club said they (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Tigre officials said security guards at Sao Paolo's Morumbi Stadium beat them and pulled guns on them as they went to the dressing room after the first half. The whole footballing (6) \_\_\_\_\_ about safety and security at the FIFA World Cup in 2014.

Sao Paolo were winning the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the referee called the game off. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's website that Tigre were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ so they started causing trouble in the half-time break. He said: "They were going to lose by a big score. Our biggest (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that the Argentines ran away." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They (10) \_\_\_\_\_, not to play." Tigre's players totally disagreed. They said about 20 police (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were full of photographs of a dressing (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was crazy."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. Who won the final of the Copa Sudamericana?

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2. When did the Tigre players refuse to come onto the pitch?

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3. What were the Tigre players afraid of losing?

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4. What did Tigre players say security guards pulled on them?

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5. What is the football world concerned about?

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6. What was the score at half time?

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7. What did the winning team's president say Tigre were afraid of?

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8. What did the winning team's goalkeeper say about Tigre?

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9. How many police did Tigre say attacked them?

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10. What did photos show in Argentina's newspapers?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121215-copa\\_sudamericana.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121215-copa_sudamericana.html)

1. Which team won the Copa Sudamericana?
  - a) River Plate
  - b) Sao Paolo
  - c) Tigre
  - d) Corinthians
2. What kind of questions are being asked about the victory?
  - a) urgent ones
  - b) important ones
  - c) a variety
  - d) big ones
3. What did the other team refuse to do in the second half?
  - a) come onto the pitch
  - b) give the ball to the referee
  - c) shake hands
  - d) pass the ball to their star player
4. Who did Tigre officials say beat them?
  - a) the other team
  - b) the other team's fans
  - c) security guards
  - d) their fans
5. Who is worried about safety and security at the 2014 FIFA World Cup?
  - a) the president of Brazil
  - b) the whole footballing world
  - c) a goalkeeper
  - d) the winning team's president
6. What was the half-time score?
  - a) 2-0
  - b) 1-0
  - c) 0-0
  - d) 2-2
7. Who called the game off?
  - a) the two team captains
  - b) the police
  - c) the referee
  - d) security guards
8. What did the winning team's president say the biggest victory was?
  - a) the other team running away
  - b) the game of football
  - c) 14-2
  - d) the 2014 FIFA World Cup
9. How many police did Tigre players say attacked them?
  - a) 20
  - b) 12
  - c) 22
  - d) 200
10. What did Tigre's coach tell Argentine newspapers?
  - a) "Football is crazy."
  - b) "The fans were crazy."
  - c) "I was crazy."
  - d) "It was crazy."

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Sao Paolo president**

You are very happy with the victory. Tell the others three reasons why. You are shocked the Tigre players did not want to play the second half. You think they should be banned from playing again. You want an apology from Tigre for saying Sao Paolo security guards attacked them.

## **Role B – Tigre president**

You are totally shocked at what happened. Tell the others three reasons why. You think Sao Paolo should never play again. The police should arrest all the security guards. You want an apology from Sao Paolo's president. You also want the Copa Sudamericana title.

## **Role C – World soccer boss**

You are very worried about this news. It is terrible for the image of football. You want the presidents of Sao Paolo and Tigre to shake hands. You also want the game to be replayed in a different city. If the police did attack Tigre's players, Brazil should not get the 2014 World Cup.

## **Role D – World Cup 2014 boss**

You are worried about the image of the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. You are very angry with the Sao Paolo president. You want him to resign. He should apologise to the Tigre players and fans. You are also shocked the world soccer boss said Brazil could lose the 2014 World Cup. That will never happen.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'club' and 'tournament'.

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>club</b> | <b>tournament</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• top</li><li>• big</li><li>• refused</li><li>• feared</li><li>• pulled</li><li>• safety</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• nil</li><li>• afraid</li><li>• fact</li><li>• fight</li><li>• full</li><li>• blood</li></ul> |
|--|--|

# FOOTBALL (SOCCER) SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121215-copa\\_sudamericana.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1212/121215-copa_sudamericana.html)

Write five GOOD questions about football (soccer) 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# FOOTBALL (SOCCER) DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'football'?
- c) Which word is better – 'soccer' or 'football'?
- d) What do you think about what you read?
- e) What should happen to this year's Copa Sudamericana title?
- f) Should there be an investigation into what happened?
- g) Should Sao Paulo have got the victory after what happened?
- h) Should this game be played again?
- i) Who do you think is telling the truth?
- j) Do you think Brazil should still hold the 2014 World Cup Finals?

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# FOOTBALL (SOCCER) DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What does this story do for the image of football?
- c) Will games between Brazil and Argentina change because of this incident?
- d) What do you think of Mr Juvencio saying Tigre caused trouble because they were afraid of losing?
- e) What do you think of Mr Juvencio saying the biggest victory was Tigre running away?
- f) What three adjectives best describe this story?
- g) Is it possible the Tigre players came to fight and make trouble?
- h) Should Sao Paulo's police and security guards be investigated?
- i) Is football (soccer) the best game in the world?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the Sao Paulo president?

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Sao Paulo were winning the game two-nil before the referee called the game (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's website that Tigre were afraid of losing (8) \_\_\_\_\_ so they started causing trouble in the half-time break. He said: "They were going to lose by a big score. Our biggest victory is the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that the Argentines ran away." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They came here to fight, not to play." Tigre's players (10) \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed. They said about 20 police and security staff waited for them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of photographs of a dressing room (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in blood. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was crazy."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |             |                |               |
|-----|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) ruling   | (b) top     | (c) chief      | (d) upper     |
| 2.  | (a) winning  | (b) victory | (c) beat       | (d) landslide |
| 3.  | (a) refusal  | (b) refuses | (c) refuse     | (d) refused   |
| 4.  | (a) afraid   | (b) feared  | (c) frightened | (d) fearsome  |
| 5.  | (a) bettered | (b) whisked | (c) won        | (d) beat      |
| 6.  | (a) around   | (b) after   | (c) about      | (d) nearby    |
| 7.  | (a) off      | (b) away    | (c) on         | (d) down      |
| 8.  | (a) bigger   | (b) beating | (c) badly      | (d) ball      |
| 9.  | (a) fiction  | (b) feat    | (c) feet       | (d) fact      |
| 10. | (a) totally  | (b) usually | (c) normally   | (d) overall   |
| 11. | (a) full     | (b) filled  | (c) filling    | (d) full up   |
| 12. | (a) covered  | (b) covers  | (c) covering   | (d) cover     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Brazil's most msofau football clubs
2. South America's top club atoruetnmn
3. how they got their tovyric
4. ufdeers to come onto the pitch
5. The whole footballing world is now rocneence
6. safety and ietscryu

## Paragraph 2

7. the ererfee called the game off
8. afraid of nligo
9. they started nasciug trouble
10. Tigre's players aoytltl disagreed
11. waited for them and tceatak them
12. covered in oldob

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) break. He said: "They were going to lose by a big score. Our biggest victory is the fact that the Argentines ran
- ( ) Sao Paulo were winning the game two-nil before the referee called the game off. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's
- ( ) away." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They came here to fight, not to
- ( ) website that Tigre were afraid of losing badly so they started causing trouble in the half-time
- ( ) guns on them as they went to the dressing room after the first half. The whole footballing
- ( ) how they got their victory. They were declared winners after the other team, Tigre from Argentina, refused
- ( ) world is now concerned about safety and security at the FIFA World Cup in 2014.
- ( ) play." Tigre's players totally disagreed. They said about 20 police and security
- ( ) staff waited for them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were full of photographs
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- ( ) to come onto the pitch for the second half of the game. The players and coaches from the Argentine club said they feared
- ( ) of a dressing room covered in blood. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was crazy."
- ( ) club Sao Paulo won the final of the Copa Sudamericana. However, there are big questions about

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. has One most clubs Brazil's football won of famous.

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2. got questions their about victory how they Big.

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3. pitch for the second half Refused to come onto the.

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4. on guns Pulled room dressing the to went they as them.

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5. now is world footballing whole The concerned.

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6. winning two were game nil Paolo the - Sao.

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7. game the called referee the Before off.

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8. time break They started causing trouble in the half -.

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9. by score were lose big They to a going.

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10. dressing room Photographs covered of in a blood.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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One of Brazil's *most / mostly* famous football clubs has won South America's top club tournament. The Brazilian club Sao Paolo *won / winners* the final of the Copa Sudamericana. However, there are big questions about how they *got / get* their victory. They were *declare / declared* winners after the other team, Tigre from Argentina, refused *to / by* come onto the pitch for the second *half / third* of the game. The players and coaches from the Argentine club said they *afraid / feared* for their lives. Tigre officials said security guards at Sao Paolo's Morumbi Stadium *beat / won* them and pulled guns on them as they went to the dressing room after the first *quarter / half*. The whole footballing world is now concerned about *safety / safe* and security at the FIFA World Cup in 2014.

Sao Paolo were winning the game two-nil before the referee *called / shouted* the game *off / on*. Sao Paulo president Juvenal Juvencio told the club's website that Tigre were afraid *of / for* losing badly so they started causing trouble in the half-time *break / snap*. He said: "They were going to lose *at / by* a big score. Our biggest victory is the *fact / fiction* that the Argentines ran *away / down*." Sao Paulo goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni said of Tigre: "They came here to *flight / fight*, not to play." Tigre's players totally disagreed. They said about 20 police and security staff waited *at / for* them and attacked them. Argentina's newspapers were full of photographs of a dressing room covered in *bloody / blood*. Tigre coach Nestor Gorosito told Argentine television: "It was crazy."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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\_n\_ \_f Br\_z\_l's m\_st f\_m\_\_s f\_\_tb\_ll cl\_bs h\_s w\_n  
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cl\_b S\_\_ P\_\_l\_ w\_n th\_ f\_n\_l \_f th\_ C\_p\_  
S\_d\_m\_r\_c\_n\_. H\_w\_v\_r, th\_r\_ \_r\_ b\_g q\_\_st\_\_ns  
\_b\_\_t h\_w th\_y g\_t th\_\_r v\_ct\_ry. Th\_y w\_r\_d cl\_r\_d  
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r\_\_m c\_v\_r\_d \_n bl\_\_d. T\_gr\_ c\_\_ch N\_st\_r G\_r\_s\_t\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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sao paulo were winning the game two-nil before the referee called the game off sao paulo president juvenal juvencio told the club's website that tigre were afraid of losing badly so they started causing trouble in the half-time break he said "they were going to lose by a big score our biggest victory is the fact that the argentine ran away" sao paulo goalkeeper rogerio ceni said of tigre "they came here to fight not to play" tigre's players totally disagreed they said about 20 police and security staff waited for them and attacked them argentina's newspapers were full of photographs of a dressing room covered in blood tigre coach nestor gorosito told argentine television "it was crazy"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the Copa Sudamericana tournament. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. FOOTBALL (SOCCER):** Make a poster about football (soccer). Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DRESSING ROOM:** Write a magazine article about what went on in the dressing room at Sao Paolo's Morumbi Stadium. Include imaginary interviews with the coaches of both teams.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to the head of world football. Ask him three questions about this story. Give him three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. tournament | a. competition |
| 2. victory    | b. win         |
| 3. declared   | c. announced   |
| 4. pitch      | d. field       |
| 5. concerned  | e. worried     |
| 6. nil        | f. zero        |
| 7. afraid     | g. frightened  |
| 8. causing    | h. creating    |
| 9. totally    | i. completely  |
| 10. covered   | j. coated      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Sao Paolo
2. In the second half
3. Their lives
4. Guns
5. Safety and security at the FIFA World Cup in 2014
6. Two-nil to Sao Paolo
7. Losing badly (by a big score)
8. "They came here to fight, not to play."
9. 20
10. A dressing room covered in blood

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)