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## **Level 2**

### **Europe's top soccer leagues get first female referee**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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German football now has the first female referee in Europe's top leagues. Germany's Bundesliga promoted Bibiana Steinhaus from the lower divisions of German football. She is very happy to be the first top-flight female referee. She said: "It's a dream come true. I'm very much looking forward to the task." She knows that people will be watching her to see how she does in top-level men's matches. She said: "I am aware that I...will be closely watched by the media". She added: "I'm used to pressure and am convinced I will find my feet quickly."

Steinhaus has a lot of experience as a referee. She has refereed Bundesliga 2 matches since 2011. She also refereed a women's World Cup final and the women's gold medal match at the London Olympic games in 2012. After she heard about her promotion, she said: "I was quite speechless. I feel disbelief, joy, happiness, relief and curiosity. It was simply a roller-coaster ride of emotions." She added: "It has always been my dream to be a Bundesliga referee. That this dream will come true naturally fills me with joy." Steinhaus will next referee the Women's Champions League final.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170522-bundesliga-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the first female referee in | a. forward to the task  |
| 2. the lower divisions         | b. to be the first      |
| 3. She is very happy           | c. pressure             |
| 4. It's a dream                | d. will be watching her |
| 5. I'm very much looking       | e. of German football   |
| 6. She knows that people       | f. come true            |
| 7. I'm used to                 | g. quickly              |
| 8. I will find my feet         | h. Europe's top leagues |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Steinhaus has a lot of experience        | a. been my dream   |
| 2. She also refereed a women's              | b. medal match     |
| 3. the women's gold                         | c. of emotions     |
| 4. I was quite                              | d. World Cup final |
| 5. I feel disbelief, joy, happiness, relief | e. joy             |
| 6. It was simply a roller-coaster ride      | f. speechless      |
| 7. It has always                            | g. as a referee    |
| 8. fills me with                            | h. and curiosity   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170522-bundesliga-2.html>

German football (1) \_\_\_\_\_ female referee in Europe's top leagues. Germany's Bundesliga promoted Bibiana Steinhaus from (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of German football. She is very happy to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ female referee. She said: "It's a dream come true. I'm very much (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the task." She knows that people will be watching her to see how she does in top-level men's matches. She said: "I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ will be closely watched by the media". She added: "I'm (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and am convinced I will find my feet quickly."

Steinhaus (7) \_\_\_\_\_ experience as a referee. She has refereed Bundesliga 2 matches since 2011. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ women's World Cup final and the women's gold (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the London Olympic games in 2012. After she heard about her promotion, she said: "I was quite speechless. I feel disbelief, joy, happiness, (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It was simply a roller-coaster ride of emotions." She added: "It (11) \_\_\_\_\_ my dream to be a Bundesliga referee. That this dream will come true naturally (12) \_\_\_\_\_." Steinhaus will next referee the Women's Champions League final.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FOOTBALL SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1705/170522-bundesliga-4.html>

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

