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World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) changes name

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THE READING

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The World Taekwondo Federation changed its name to World Taekwondo. The change is to avoid confusion over its acronym 'WTF'. This is widely used as a slang term on social media, but it has a very different and very rude meaning there. The abbreviation 'WTF' is a slang term used to indicate disbelief. The World Taekwondo president said: "The acronym of our federation has developed negative connotations unrelated to our organization, and so it was important that we rebrand to better engage with our fans...stay relevant and appeal to young and modern audiences."

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that uses head-height kicks, and jumping and spinning kicks. The Taekwondo Federation president said: "Since 1973, we have been known as the World Taekwondo Federation. Over the following 44 years, we have grown taekwondo into the global sport it is today; we have led taekwondo to the Olympic Games, and in 2020 will have the honour of seeing taekwondo at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games; and we have reinforced our federation's position as a global leader in taking taekwondo beyond sport and into the field of humanitarianism."

Sources: <https://www.rt.com/sport/393856-world-taekwondo-federation-wtf/>
<http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1051887/wtf-announces-rebrand-to-world-taekwondo>
<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-rebrands-to-world-taekwondo/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. changed its | a. in social media |
| 2. The change is to avoid | b. connotations |
| 3. This is widely | c. audiences |
| 4. as a slang term | d. confusion |
| 5. indicate | e. engage with our fans |
| 6. developed negative | f. name |
| 7. rebrand to better | g. disbelief |
| 8. appeal to young and modern | h. used |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a Korean martial | a. beyond sport |
| 2. uses head- | b. 44 years |
| 3. jumping and | c. of humanitarianism |
| 4. Over the following | d. federation's position |
| 5. the global sport | e. art |
| 6. we have reinforced our | f. spinning kicks |
| 7. taking taekwondo | g. height kicks |
| 8. into the field | h. it is today |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TAEKWONDO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about taekwondo 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) _____

