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## Level 1 World Cup players must sing national anthem

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### THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140604-national-anthem-1.html

England's soccer coach, Roy Hodgson, has told his players they must sing their national anthem at the World Cup. The tournament starts on June 12th. The first game is Brazil against Croatia. The world will be watching and Mr Hodgson wants people to see the pride his players have. He wants them to be "loud and proud". He told reporters: "We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem comes...we sing it."

In the past, England players have not sung their anthem. Hodgson said: "They've been doing it for two years and perhaps we need to remind them." He was worried that players did not know all the words. He said many people do not know the second verse. Hodgson wants his players to have the same passion as other teams. He said other teams play an international match with their hands on their hearts.

Sources: http://www.**express**.co.uk/sport/worldcup2014/479608/Roy-Hodgson-My-boys-will-be-in-tune http://www.**dailymail**.co.uk/sport/worldcup2014/article-2645597/England-players-told-passionbelting-national-anthem-matches.html#ixzz33SMoAYm5 http://www.**bbc**.com/sport/0/football/27658211

# **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	England's soccer	a.	against Croatia
2	they must sing their	b.	on June 12th
3.	The tournament starts	c.	be England players
4.	The first game is Brazil	d.	be watching
5.	The world will	e.	coach
6.	see the pride his	f.	"loud and proud"
7.	He wants them to be	g.	national anthem
8.	We are proud to	h.	players have

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	In the	a.	international match
2	They've been doing	b.	remind them
3.	we need to	c.	on their hearts
4.	players did not know all	d.	it for two years
5.	many people do not know	e.	past
6.	have the same passion	f.	the words
7.	play an	g.	as other teams
8.	with their hands	h.	the second verse

## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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England's soccer coach, Roy Hodqson, (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ they must sing their national anthem at the World Cup. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ June 12th. The game is Brazil against Croatia. first The world (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and Mr Hodgson wants people (4) \_\_\_\_\_ his players have. He wants them to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He told reporters: "We are proud to be England players...so when the national anthem (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ ." In the past, England players (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ anthem. Hodgson said: "They've been (8) \_\_\_\_\_ years and perhaps we (9) \_\_\_\_\_ them." He was worried that players did not know all the words. He said many people do not know (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_. Hodgson wants his players to have (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_ as other teams. He said other teams play an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ with their hands on their hearts.

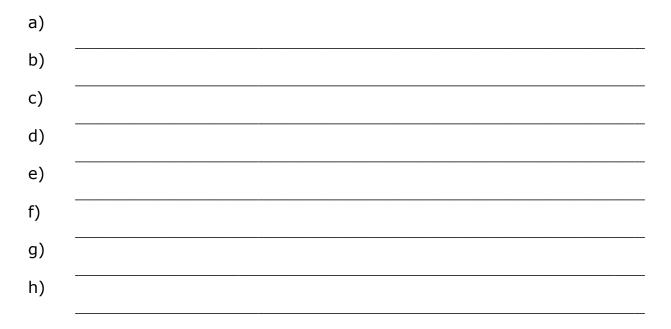
# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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### WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

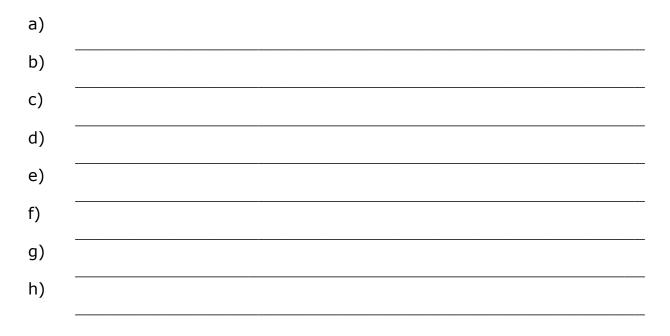


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### WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



### WRITING

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Write about **national anthems** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
