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Irish woman on soccer Goal of the Year list

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THE READING

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An Irish woman could win the prize for FIFA's Goal of the Year award. Stephanie Roche, 26, plays international football for Ireland. She is one of three people on the list. The other two are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The list started with ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic. After Ms Roche heard the news, she told reporters: "It's been a crazy day." Roche scored her goal for her old team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with over 2.5 million views.

Ms Roche thanked everyone for voting for her. She asked people to keep voting. She is proud to be the first woman on FIFA's list. She said: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a great achievement and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how she heard the news, saying: "French TV came down to watch me watching the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out...To be in the top three is brilliant." Roche's goal has changed her career and her life. She is now a professional footballer in France. She plays for ASPTT Albi.

Sources: <http://www.independent.ie/sport/soccer/international-soccer/yesssss-come-on-stephanie-roche-celebrates-making-fifas-goal-of-the-year-shortlist-30788586.html>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. n Irish woman could win | a. with ten players |
| 2. She is one | b. sensation |
| 3. people on | c. heard the news |
| 4. The list started | d. the prize |
| 5. After Ms Roche | e. of three |
| 6. It's been a | f. views |
| 7. It is now an Internet | g. crazy day |
| 8. over 2.5 million | h. the list |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ms Roche thanked everyone | a. woman on FIFA's list |
| 2. She asked people | b. the news |
| 3. She is proud to be the first | c. her career |
| 4. that is a great | d. to say |
| 5. something I'm delighted | e. for voting for her |
| 6. She explained how she heard | f. results |
| 7. watching the | g. to keep voting |
| 8. Roche's goal has changed | h. achievement |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Irish woman (1) _____ for FIFA's Goal of the Year award. Stephanie Roche, 26, plays international football for Ireland. She (2) _____ people on the list. The other two are Holland's Robin van Persie and Colombia's James Rodriguez. The (3) _____ ten players, including Zlatan Ibrahimovic. After Ms Roche (4) _____, she told reporters: "It's (5) _____." Roche scored her goal for her old team Peamount United on October 20, 2013. It is now an Internet sensation, with (6) _____.

Ms Roche thanked everyone (7) _____. She asked people to keep voting. She (8) _____ first woman on FIFA's list. She said: "I'm the first woman to do it. Obviously, that is a (9) _____ and something I'm delighted to say I have done." She explained how she heard the news, saying: "French TV came down to (10) _____ the results, as it was live on YouTube. I was the first name called out...To be in the top (11) _____." Roche's goal has changed her career and her life. She is (12) _____ footballer in France. She plays for ASPTT Albi.

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).

a)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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