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**Level 1 – 29th November, 2020**

**Thousands of Argentinians say goodbye to Maradona**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201129-maradona-1.html>

Football fans have paid their respects to football legend Diego Maradona on the streets of Argentina's capital Buenos Aires. An Argentina flag and his number 10 football shirt covered his car. Thousands walked past his coffin at the Presidential Palace. They cried, blew kisses to their hero and prayed. Maradona died of a heart attack, aged 60. There is three days of national mourning for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess."

Maradona is one of the greatest players ever to play on a football pitch. He captained Argentina to win the 1986 World Cup. He scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against England, and a goal voted as the greatest of the twentieth century. Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leave us because he is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele said he hoped to one day, "play together in the sky" with Maradona.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201129-maradona-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. fans have paid their          | a. football shirt       |
| 2. on the streets of Argentina's | b. mourning for him     |
| 3. his number 10                 | c. coffin               |
| 4. walked past his               | d. capital              |
| 5. blew                          | e. Argentinianess       |
| 6. Maradona died of a heart      | f. respects             |
| 7. three days of national        | g. attack               |
| 8. Maradona represents           | h. kisses to their hero |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. one of the greatest players  | a. the sky               |
| 2. on a football                | b. century               |
| 3. he scored the famous         | c. the greatest          |
| 4. a goal voted as              | d. legend Pele           |
| 5. the twentieth                | e. ever to play          |
| 6. Maradona will never leave us | f. "Hand of God" goal    |
| 7. Brazilian                    | g. because he is eternal |
| 8. play together in             | h. pitch                 |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201129-maradona-1.html>

Football fans have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to football legend Diego Maradona (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Argentina's capital Buenos Aires. An Argentina flag and his (3) \_\_\_\_\_ shirt covered his car. Thousands walked (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Presidential Palace. They cried, blew kisses to their (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Maradona died of a heart attack, aged 60. There is three days (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess."

Maradona is one of the greatest (7) \_\_\_\_\_ play on a football pitch. He captained Argentina to win the 1986 World Cup. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ "Hand of God" goal against England, and a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest of the twentieth century. Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because he is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele said he (11) \_\_\_\_\_ day, "play together (12) \_\_\_\_\_" with Maradona.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MARADONA SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201129-maradona-4.html>

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

