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**Level 2 – 29th November, 2020**

## **Thousands of Argentinians say goodbye to Maradona**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2011/201129-maradona-2.html>

Football fans have paid their final respects to football legend Diego Maradona. Huge crowds were on the streets of the capital Buenos Aires to see his body. An Argentina flag and a football shirt with his trademark number 10 covered the 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 on Wednesday, aged 60. Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess. He [was above] football. He has my respect."

Maradona is one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football pitch. Many think he is the best. He captained Argentina to win the 1986 World Cup. He scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against England. In that same game, he scored a goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the twentieth century. Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leave us because he is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele, a rival to Maradona for the world's greatest ever player accolade, said he hoped to one day, "play together in the sky" with Maradona.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Huge crowds were on the streets | a. mourning             |
| 2. a football                      | b. kisses to their hero |
| 3. Thousands walked                | c. Argentinianess       |
| 4. blew                            | d. shirt                |
| 5. Maradona died of a heart        | e. respect              |
| 6. declared three days of national | f. of the capital       |
| 7. Maradona represents             | g. attack               |
| 8. He has my                       | h. past his coffin      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Maradona is one of the greatest | a. century            |
| 2. a football                      | b. ever player        |
| 3. He captained                    | c. players ever       |
| 4. He scored the famous            | d. sky with Maradona  |
| 5. the twentieth                   | e. to Maradona        |
| 6. a rival                         | f. pitch              |
| 7. the world's greatest            | g. "Hand of God" goal |
| 8. play together in the            | h. Argentina          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Football fans have paid (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to football legend Diego Maradona. Huge crowds were on the streets (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Buenos Aires to see his body. An Argentina flag and a football shirt with (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 covered the car. Thousands walked past his coffin at the Presidential Palace. They cried, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their hero and prayed. Maradona died of a heart attack on Wednesday, aged 60. Argentina's government declared three days (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess. He [was above] football. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Maradona is one of the greatest players ever (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a football pitch. Many think he is the best. He captained Argentina to win the 1986 World Cup. He (8) \_\_\_\_\_ "Hand of God" goal against England. In that same game, he scored a goal that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest goal of (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leave us because (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Brazilian legend Pele, a rival to Maradona for the world's greatest ever player accolade, said he hoped to one 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-2.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) \_\_\_\_\_

