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Hydration breaks booed at World Cup

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THE ARTICLE

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Football fans worldwide are not happy about the introduction of hydration breaks at the World Cup. Spectators in the stadiums have been expressing their dissatisfaction with the breaks in play by booing and jeering. They are not the only ones to express their consternation. Players and managers are less than happy. French manager Didier Deschamps complained about breaks disrupting the free-flowing nature and momentum of games. He said: "It's almost four quarters, and before we had two halves." Netherlands defender Virgil van Dijk said that the stoppages were unnecessary. He lamented the sudden interruptions for ad breaks on TV, saying it was "not really" something he wanted in football.

Football's governing body FIFA introduced the concept of water breaks last December. It said they would be in every game, regardless of temperatures. Some games in the USA have been held under roofs, in climate-controlled conditions. Critics argue that the breaks exist primarily for commercial reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad slot on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000 during high-profile matches. Fox came back late from a commercial break during the tournament opener between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "Given the financial benefits... it is highly likely that the breaks will remain a long-term feature."

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<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/cp3xqn9zxdgo>

WARM-UPS

1. WORLD CUP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about World Cup. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

football fans / hydration breaks / stadiums / booing / players / momentum / ads / FIFA / temperatures / critics / commercialization / ad slots / tournament / benefits

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FOUR QUARTERS: Students A **strongly** believe football (soccer) should be a game of four quarters; Students B **strongly** believe that would be terrible and totally destroy the beautiful game. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FOOTBALL RULES: What do you know about the football rules in the table? What do you think of them? How could they be changed or improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think	Changes
Offside			
Throw ins			
Goals			
Free kicks			
Cards			
Penalties			

5. HYDRATION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "hydration". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FOOTBALL GEAR: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to take/wear to a football match at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Your team's top (jersey)
- A programme
- Water
- A club scarf
- A smartphone
- A drum
- Sandwiches
- Binoculars

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. spectators | a. Said that something was sad or disappointing. |
| 2. jeering | b. Shouting unkind words to show dislike or disapproval. |
| 3. consternation | c. Causing something to stop or not continue normally. |
| 4. disrupting | d. People who watch an event, game, or show. |
| 5. momentum | e. Times when something is stopped for a short time. |
| 6. lamented | f. A feeling of great surprise, worry, or confusion. |
| 7. interruptions | g. The force or energy that helps something keep moving or making progress. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 8. governing body | h. Mostly; more than anything else. |
| 9. regardless | i. People who express negative opinions about something. |
| 10. critics | j. A period of time during a TV or radio broadcast when an advertisement is shown. |
| 11. primarily | k. The group that controls and makes rules for an activity or organization. |
| 12. commercial (adjective) | l. Without being affected by something. |
| 13. ad slot | m. An important part or characteristic of something. |
| 14. feature (noun) | n. Related to buying, selling, or making money. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260622-hydration-breaks-world-cup.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. All football fans at the World Cup booed during hydration breaks. **T / F**
2. The article says many managers are more than happy with the breaks. **T / F**
3. France's coach does not like the breaks stopping the free-flowing games. **T / F**
4. A Dutch defender said he didn't want to see such breaks in football. **T / F**
5. FIFA announced the hydration breaks late last year. **T / F**
6. Air-conditioned games played under a roof don't have hydration breaks. **T / F**
7. Critics say the breaks are really to show ads on TV in ad breaks. **T / F**
8. One TV channel was late for a second-half kick-off because of ads. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. fans | a. first and foremost |
| 2. expressing | b. dismay |
| 3. jeering | c. point |
| 4. consternation | d. communicating |
| 5. stoppages | e. setting aside |
| 6. concept | f. competition |
| 7. regardless of | g. shouting |
| 8. primarily | h. halts |
| 9. tournament | i. idea |
| 10. feature | j. supporters |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. football fans | a. the stadiums |
| 2. spectators in | b. slot |
| 3. booing and | c. halves |
| 4. not the only ones to express their | d. of water breaks |
| 5. before we had two | e. jeering |
| 6. FIFA introduced the concept | f. commercial reasons |
| 7. they would be in every game, regardless | g. worldwide are not happy |
| 8. breaks exist primarily for | h. feature |
| 9. an average 30-second World Cup ad | i. of temperatures |
| 10. the breaks will remain a long-term | j. consternation |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260622-hydration-breaks-world-cup.html>

Football fans worldwide are not happy about the (1) _____ of hydration breaks at the World Cup. Spectators in the stadiums have been (2) _____ their dissatisfaction with the breaks in play by booing and (3) _____. They are not the only ones to express their (4) _____. Players and managers are less than happy. French manager Didier Deschamps complained about breaks disrupting the free-flowing nature and (5) _____ of games. He said: "It's almost four quarters, and before we had two (6) _____." Netherlands defender Virgil van Dijk said that the (7) _____ were unnecessary. He lamented the sudden interruptions for (8) _____ breaks on TV, saying it was "not really" something he wanted in football.

momentum

jeering

introduction

ad

consternation

stoppages

expressing

halves

Football's governing body FIFA introduced the (9) _____ of water breaks last December. It said they would be in every game, (10) _____ of temperatures. Some games in the USA have been held under roofs, in climate- (11) _____ conditions. Critics argue that the breaks exist (12) _____ for commercial reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad (13) _____ on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000 during high-profile matches. Fox came back late from a commercial break during the tournament (14) _____ between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "Given the (15) _____ benefits... it is highly likely that the breaks will remain a long-term (16) _____."

slot

controlled

primarily

feature

concept

financial

regardless

opener

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Football fans worldwide are not happy _____
 - a. about the introducing
 - b. about a introduction
 - c. abut the introduction
 - d. about the introduction
- 2) Spectators in the stadiums have been _____
 - a. expressing their this satisfaction
 - b. expressing their dissatisfy faction
 - c. expressing their dissatisfaction
 - d. expressing their dissatisfying
- 3) They are not the only ones to _____
 - a. express their construction
 - b. express their concertinaing
 - c. express their constipation
 - d. express their consternation
- 4) Deschamps complained about breaks disrupting the _____
 - a. free-flowing nature
 - b. free-flowing mature
 - c. free-flowing natural
 - d. free-flowing nurture
- 5) He said: "It's almost four quarters, and before we _____."
 - a. had two haves
 - b. had two halves
 - c. had two calves
 - d. had two huffs
- 6) It said they would be in every game, _____
 - a. regard less of temperatures
 - b. regard least of temperatures
 - c. regards less of temperatures
 - d. regardless of temperatures
- 7) Some games in the USA have been held under roofs, in _____
 - a. climate-controlled conditionals
 - b. climate-controlled conditioners
 - c. climate-controlled conditions
 - d. climate-controlled conditioned
- 8) Critics argue that the breaks exist primarily _____
 - a. for commerce all reasons
 - b. for commercial reasons
 - c. four commercial reasons
 - d. for commercial reason
- 9) Fox came back late from a commercial break during _____
 - a. the tournament open are
 - b. the tournament opener
 - c. the tournament openness
 - d. the tournament opening
- 10) it is highly likely that the breaks will remain a _____
 - a. long-term future
 - b. long-terms feature
 - c. long-term feature
 - d. longs term feature

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Football's governing body FIFA introduced (7) _____ water breaks last December. It said they would be in every game, regardless of temperatures. Some games in the USA have been (8) _____, in climate-controlled conditions. Critics argue that the breaks (9) _____ commercial reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad slot on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000 during (10) _____. Fox came back late from a commercial break during (11) _____ between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "Given the financial benefits... it is highly likely that the breaks will remain a (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260622-hydration-breaks-world-cup.html>

1. Where have fans been expressing their dissatisfaction?
2. What are fans doing besides booing?
3. How do players and managers feel about the hydration breaks?
4. What did France's coach say there are nearly four of?
5. What did a Dutch defender say about the stoppages for water?
6. When did FIFA first announce the breaks?
7. What percentage of games are the hydration breaks in?
8. How much can a 30-second ad cost on Fox Sports?
9. What did Fox Sports come back late for due to an ad break?
10. What did the BBC say about the future of hydration breaks?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260622-hydration-breaks-world-cup.html>

- 1) Where have fans been expressing their dissatisfaction?
 - a) online
 - b) in the streets
 - c) in their home nations
 - d) in stadiums
- 2) What are fans doing besides booing?
 - a) throwing water bottles
 - b) jeering
 - c) not cheering
 - d) complaining online
- 3) How do players and managers feel about the hydration breaks?
 - a) They are undecided.
 - b) more than happy
 - c) less than happy
 - d) They hate them.
- 4) What did France's coach say there are nearly four of?
 - a) quarters
 - b) defenders
 - c) hydration stations
 - d) referees
- 5) What did a Dutch defender say about the stoppages for water?
 - a) They waste water.
 - b) They are welcome.
 - c) They are unnecessary.
 - d) There should be juice.
- 6) When did FIFA first announce the breaks?
 - a) three weeks ago
 - b) last December
 - c) in March
 - d) the day before the first game
- 7) What percentage of games are the hydration breaks in?
 - a) 66%
 - b) 80%
 - c) 90%
 - d) 100%
- 8) How much can a 30-second ad cost on Fox Sports?
 - a) up to \$750,000
 - b) up to \$500,000
 - c) up to \$250,000
 - d) up to \$100,000
- 9) What did Fox Sports come back late for due to an ad break?
 - a) the national anthems
 - b) a goal replay
 - c) the Mexico and South Africa game
 - d) the final whistle
- 10) What did the BBC say about the future of hydration breaks?
 - a) Nothing
 - b) They'll be a long-term feature.
 - c) They don't have a future.
 - d) It's undecided.

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Your Team's Top (Jersey)

You think your team's top (jersey) is the best thing to take to a football match. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): water, binoculars or a drum.

Role B – Water

You think water is the best thing to take to a football match. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): your team's top (jersey), binoculars or a drum.

Role C – Binoculars

You think binoculars are the best thing to take to a football match. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): water, your team's top (jersey) or a drum.

Role D – A Drum

You think a drum is the best thing to take to a football match. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): water, binoculars or your team's top (jersey).

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2606/260622-hydration-breaks-world-cup.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'hydration' and 'boo'.

hydration	boo
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• introduction• stadiums• express• free• halves• really	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• water• roofs• exist• costs• late• highly
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WORLD CUP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about World Cup 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.

WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'hydration'?
3. What do you think of the World Cup?
4. Should there be hydration breaks in football games?
5. What do you think of hydration breaks ruining a game's momentum?
6. Are hydration breaks more for advertisers to make money?
7. What do you think of sticking with two 45-minute halves?
8. How do you feel when ads interrupt a live football match?
9. What are the alternatives to hydration breaks?
10. What advice do you have for FIFA?

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WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'boo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of football?
15. What do you think of spectators booing at hydration breaks?
16. Is advertising ruining live sports coverage?
17. Is commercialization ruining or improving sport?
18. What changes would make football better for spectators?
19. Who do you want to win the World Cup?
20. What questions would you like to ask the bosses of world football?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Football's governing body FIFA introduced the (7) _____ of water breaks last December. It said they would be in every game, regardless (8) _____ temperatures. Some games in the USA have been held under roofs, in climate-controlled conditions. Critics argue that the breaks exist (9) _____ for commercial reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad (10) _____ on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000 during high-profile matches. Fox came back late from a commercial break during the tournament (11) _____ between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "Given the financial benefits... it is (12) _____ likely that the breaks will remain a long-term feature."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) in |
| 2. | (a) express | (b) expression | (c) expressing | (d) expressed |
| 3. | (a) such | (b) much | (c) fewer | (d) less |
| 4. | (a) frothing | (b) flowing | (c) forming | (d) flashing |
| 5. | (a) five | (b) four | (c) three | (d) two |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) for | (d) up |
| 7. | (a) contraption | (b) concept | (c) consort | (d) concert |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) to | (d) on |
| 9. | (a) primarily | (b) primed | (c) primary | (d) prim |
| 10. | (a) slop | (b) sloth | (c) slot | (d) slob |
| 11. | (a) openness | (b) openly | (c) closure | (d) opener |
| 12. | (a) heighten | (b) highly | (c) high | (d) heights |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. tosspaectr in the stadiums
2. booing and irgejen
3. express their rnaiotnnosect
4. the free-flowing nature and mtnommeu of games
5. the oepagspst were unnecessary
6. He lamented the sudden rnutiirensopt

Paragraph 2

7. redaegrssl of temperatures
8. breaks exist primarily for micolearmc reasons
9. during high-ifoplre matches
10. during the mureottnan opener
11. the liaicnafn benefits
12. remain a long-term rufetae

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and jeering. They are not the only ones to express their consternation. Players and managers are less
- () be in every game, regardless of temperatures. Some games in the USA have been held under roofs, in climate-
- () benefits... it is highly likely that the breaks will remain a long-term feature."
- () controlled conditions. Critics argue that the breaks exist primarily for commercial
- () during high-profile matches. Fox came back late from a commercial break during
- () flowing nature and momentum of games. He said: "It's almost four quarters, and before we had two
- (**1**) Football fans worldwide are not happy about the introduction of hydration breaks at the World Cup. Spectators
- () Football's governing body FIFA introduced the concept of water breaks last December. It said they would
- () halves." Netherlands defender Virgil van Dijk said that the stoppages were unnecessary. He lamented
- () in the stadiums have been expressing their dissatisfaction with the breaks in play by booing
- () reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad slot on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000
- () than happy. French manager Didier Deschamps complained about breaks disrupting the free-
- () the sudden interruptions for ad breaks on TV, saying it was "not really" something he wanted in football.
- () the tournament opener between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "Given the financial

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. about are Fans happy introduction not the worldwide .
2. been dissatisfaction expressing have in Spectators stadiums the .
3. consternation express ones only The their to .
4. ad breaks for He interruptions lamented sudden the .
5. football he in It really something wanted wasn't .
6. concept FIFA Football's governing introduced the body .
7. be every game in of regardless temperatures They'd .
8. breaks commercial exist for primarily reasons The .
9. a back break came commercial Fox from late .
10. a breaks feature long-term remain The will .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Football fans worldwide are not *unhappy* / *happy* about the introduction of hydration breaks at the World Cup. Spectators in the stadiums have been expressing their dissatisfaction with the breaks *on* / *in* play by booing and *jeering* / *jousting*. They are not the only ones to express their *constellation* / *consternation*. Players and managers are less than happy. French manager Didier Deschamps complained about breaks *disrupting* / *disrupted* the free-flowing nature and momentum *by* / *of* games. He said: "It's almost four quarters, and before we had *two* / *four* halves." Netherlands defender Virgil van Dijk said that the *surcharges* / *stoppages* were unnecessary. He lamented the sudden interruptions *at* / *for* ad breaks on TV, saying it was "not really" something he wanted *on* / *in* football.

Football's *governing* / *government* body FIFA introduced the concept *at* / *of* water breaks last December. It said they would be in *every* / *all* game, regardless of temperatures. Some games in the USA have been held *over* / *under* roofs, in climate-controlled conditions. Critics argue that the breaks exist *primarily* / *primary* for commercial reasons. The BBC reported that an average 30-second World Cup ad *slot* / *slop* on Fox Sports costs up to \$750,000 during high-profile matches. Fox came back *lately* / *late* from a commercial break during the tournament *opener* / *opens* between Mexico and South Africa. The BBC added that: "*Taken* / *Given* the financial benefits... it is *heighten* / *highly* likely that the breaks will remain a long-term feature."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F__tb__ll f__ns w_rldw_d_ _r_ n_t h_ppy _b__t th_ _ntr_d_ct__n _f hydr_t__n br__ks _t th_ W_rld C_p. Sp_ct_t_rs _n th_ st_d__ms h_v_ b__n _xpr_ssng th__r d_ss_t_sf_ct__n w_th th_ br__ks _n pl_y by b___ng _nd j__r_ng. Th_y _r_ n_t th_ _nly _n_s t_ _xpr_ss th__r c_nst_rn_t__n. Pl_y_rs _nd m_n_g_rs _r_ l_ss th_n h_ppy. Fr_nch m_n_g_r D_d__r D_sch_mps c_mpl__n_d _b__t br__ks d_sr_pt_ng th_ fr__-fl_w_ng n_t_r_ _nd m_m_nt_m _f g_m_s. H_ s__d: "_t's _lm_st f__r q__rt_rs, _nd b_f_r_ w_ h_d tw_ h_lv_s." N_th_rl_nds d_f_nd_r V_rg_l v_n D_jk s__d th_t th_ st_pp_g_s w_r_ _nn_c_ss_ry. H_ l_m_nt_d th_ s_dd_n _nt_rr_pt__ns f_r _d br__ks _n TV, s_y_ng _t w_s "n_t r__lly" s_m_th_ng h_ w_nt_d _n f__tb__ll.

F__tb__ll's g_v_rnng b_dy F_F_ _ntr_d_c_d th_ c_nc_pt _f w_t_r br__ks l_st D_c_mb_r. _t s__d th_y w__ld b_ _n _v_ry g_m_, r_g_rdl_ss _f t_mpr_t_r_s. S_m_g_m_s _n th_ _S_ h_v_ b__n h_ld _nd_r r__fs, _n cl_m_t_-c_ntr_ll_d c_nd_t__ns. Cr_t_cs _rg__ th_t th_ br__ks _x_st pr_m_r_ly f_r c_mm_rc__l r__s_ns. Th_ BBC r_p_r_t_d th_t _n _v_r_g_ 30-s_c_nd W_rld C_p _d sl_t _n F_x Sp_rts c_sts _p t_ \$750,000 d_r_ng h_gh-pr_f_l_ m_tch_s. F_x c_m_ b_ck l_t_ fr_m _ c_mm_rc__l br__k d_r_ng th_ t__rn_m_nt _p_n_r b_tw__n M_x_c_ _nd S__th _fr_c_. Th_ BBC _dd_d th_t: "G_v_n th_ f_n_nc__l b_n_f_ts... _t _s h_ghly l_k_ly th_t th_ br__ks w_ll r_m__n _ l_ng-t_rm f__t_r_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORLD CUP: Make a poster about the World Cup. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HYDRATION BREAKS: Write a magazine article about having hydration breaks in all football (soccer) games. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the World Cup. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it more exciting. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 1

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. d	3. g	4. b	5. h
6. i	7. e	8. a	9. f	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. In stadiums
2. Jeering
3. Less than happy
4. Quarters
5. They are unnecessary.
6. Last December
7. 100%
8. Up to \$750,000
9. The Mexico and South Africa game
10. They'll be a long-term feature.

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Fans worldwide are not happy about the introduction.
2. Spectators in the stadiums have been expressing dissatisfaction.
3. The only ones to express their consternation.
4. He lamented the sudden interruptions for ad breaks.
5. It wasn't really something he wanted in football.
6. Football's governing body FIFA introduced the concept.
7. They'd be in every game, regardless of temperatures.
8. The breaks exist primarily for commercial reasons.
9. Fox came back late from a commercial break.
10. The breaks will remain a long-term feature.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)