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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. THE IMPORTANCE: In pairs / groups, talk about how important football (American, Aussie and rugby varieties included) is in your country. Talk about your domestic and national teams. How important is football to you? A famous manager (coach) once said: "Football isn't a matter of life and death, it's more important." What do you think?

2. THE DRAW: With your partner(s), look at the draw for the 2006 World Cup Finals (on page 12). Quickly decide who will be first and runner up of each group. Decide which of the teams will win the tournament. Walk around the classroom and tell each other about the predictions you just made.

3. WORLD CUP SEARCH: Talk to as many other students as you can to find out what they know about the World Cup. After you have talked to lots of students, sit down with your partner(s) and share your information. Tell each other what you thought was interesting or surprising. Would you like to go and see the Finals?

4. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words are most interesting and which are most boring.

World Cup / armchairs / fans / upsets / stages / Brazil / underdogs / yesteryear / Pele / supermodels / mascots / oohs and aahs / Angola / football fever

Have a chat about the topics you liked. For more conversation, change topics and partners frequently.

5. 2-MINUTE SOCCER DEBATES: Have the following (for-fun) 2-minute debates. Students A take the first argument, students B the second. Change partners often.

- a. Football should be called "football". vs. "Soccer" is the best name.
- b. Football is an art. vs. Football is just a simple game.
- c. Football is the greatest game in the world. vs. No it isn't.
- d. David Beckham is the world's most handsome footballer. vs. Who cares?
- e. European football is the best in the world. vs. South America is best.
- f. The USA will be world champions one day. vs. Never. But China will.
- g. Football stars are overpaid. vs. They earn every penny / cent.
- h. Real football (soccer) is better than American football. vs. I totally disagree.
- i. The world would be a sadder place without football. vs. There's always tennis.

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Germany failed to make the draw for the 2006 World Cup Finals. | T / F |
| b. Many football fans take their armchairs to soccer games. | T / F |
| c. Brazil is hoping to win back the title it lost in the last tournament. | T / F |
| d. The underdogs are Trinidad and Tobago, Togo and Angola. | T / F |
| e. Soccer greats from yesteryear helped with the draw. | T / F |
| f. There were lots of oohs and aahs over the Argentina-Holland game. | T / F |
| g. Angola are playing in their third Finals. | T / F |
| h. Soccer stress will give fevers and headaches to fans worldwide. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| a. experts | keep |
| b. major | authorities |
| c. wondering | marvel |
| d. retain | the past |
| e. underdogs | big |
| f. yesteryear | ex |
| g. oohs and aahs | thinking about |
| h. spectacle | starts |
| i. former | little guys |
| j. kicks off | noises |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. fans will now be deciding who | show on Earth |
| b. where the major | ever Finals |
| c. The stage is set for the greatest | Trinidad and Tobago, Togo and Angola |
| d. Brazil are the favorites to retain | and aahs |
| e. The underdogs include | will beat whom |
| f. There were also appearances | off on June 9 |
| g. The biggest oohs | their crown |
| h. promises to | be a true spectacle |
| i. Angola are in their first | upsets might be |
| j. The tournament officially kicks | from supermodels and the mascots |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

GAP FILL: Put the words in the column on the right into the gaps in the text.

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LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionaries / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'foot' and 'ball'.

- 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. STUDENT "WORLD CUP" SURVEY: In pairs / groups, write down questions about football (soccer) and the 2006 World Cup Finals.

- Ask other classmates your questions and note down their answers.
- Go back to your original partner / group and compare your findings.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| • Germany | • yesteryear |
| • upsets | • mascots |
| • wondering | • oohs |
| • crown | • promises |
| • five | • Angola |
| • underdogs | • grip |

WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

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

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. What do you think of the draw for the 2006 World Cup Finals?
- c. Why do you think the event is called the World Cup Finals (with an "s") and not the World Cup Final?
- d. Soccer's World Cup is the most watched event in the world. Do you think it is the most important sporting event in the world?
- e. Would you like the event to happen more frequently than every four years?
- f. Do you prefer the word "football" or "soccer"?
- g. What do you think the World Cup gives to the world?
- h. Will your lifestyle change a little during the 2006 World Cup Finals?
- i. Why do you think football (soccer) is the most popular sport in the world?
- j. What are your best memories of previous World Cup Finals?

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

- a. Did you like reading this article?
- b. What do you think about what you read?
- c. Who do you think will win the 2006 World Cup?
- d. Do you think the USA will ever win the World Cup?
- e. Are you pleased with the performance of your nation's team in this or previous World Cups?
- f. What's the greatest thing about the World Cup?
- g. An Emirates Airline advertisement states: "We all speak one language – Football." What do you think of this?
- h. Football (soccer) is often called "the beautiful game" and "the world's game". What do you think of these titles?
- i. Do you prefer the World Cup or the Olympics?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

AFTER DISCUSSION: Join another partner / group and tell them what you talked about.

- a. What was the most interesting thing you heard?
- b. Was there a question you didn't like?
- c. Was there something you totally disagreed with?
- d. What did you like talking about?
- e. Which was the most difficult question?

SPEAKING

FOOTBALL RULES: In pairs / groups, talk about the basic rules of football (soccer) so you can explain them to someone who has never seen the game before. Use the areas in the left hand column.

AREAS	EXPLANATION OF RULES
1. Objective	
2. Teams	
3. Goals	
4. Free kicks and penalties	
5. Offside	
6. Corners and goal kicks	
7. Time	
8. Yellow and red cards	
9. Other	

- Change partners and share and compare the rules you were able to think of. Fill in any missing gaps from your partners. Make sure you agree on everything.
- Return to your original partner(s) and talk about the new rules you just found out.
- Look again carefully at rules 2 – 8. Decide on one change for each of them that will make the game more exciting.
- Change partners and tell each other your changes. Discuss whether they would make football more interesting to watch.
- Give a presentation of your rule changes. Vote on the best proposals.

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 more information on the 2006 World Cup Finals. Share your findings with your class in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

3. FOOTBALL (SOCCER): Make a poster comparing football (soccer) with another sport you like. Explain the good and bad points of both sports. Include a section that explains why one sport is better than the other. Show your posters to your classmates in your next lesson. Does everyone agree with your conclusion?

4. FINALS FORECAST: Write a newspaper article based on the draw for the 2006 World Cup Finals. Make your predictions on who will win the group stages and eventually the final itself. Discuss the exciting match-ups. Will there be any games that will see lots of goals? Will it be an exciting event? Show what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. How different were your forecasts?

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. F c. F d. T e. T f. T g. F h. F

SYNONYM MATCH:

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|------------------|----------------|
| a. experts | authorities |
| b. major | big |
| c. wondering | thinking about |
| d. retain | keep |
| e. underdogs | little guys |
| f. yesteryear | the past |
| g. oohs and aahs | noises |
| h. spectacle | marvel |
| i. former | ex |
| j. kicks off | starts |

PHRASE MATCH:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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GAP FILL:

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THE 2006 WORLD CUP FINALS DRAW

GROUP A

GERMANY
COSTA RICA
POLAND
ECUADOR

GROUP B

ENGLAND
PARAGUAY
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
SWEDEN

GROUP C

ARGENTINA
IVORY COAST
SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
NETHERLANDS

GROUP D

MEXICO
IRAN
ANGOLA
PORTUGAL

GROUP E

ITALY
GHANA
UNITED STATES
CZECH REPUBLIC

GROUP F

BRAZIL
CROATIA
AUSTRALIA
JAPAN

GROUP G

FRANCE
SWITZERLAND
SOUTH KOREA
TOGO

GROUP H

SPAIN
UKRAINE
TUNISIA
SAUDI ARABIA