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# Level 4 Spanish football suspended indefinitely

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# THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html

Spain is in shock after all the country's football games may not go ahead after May 16. This affects the final, championship-deciding rounds of matches in La Liga. This is because of a dispute between the Spanish football federation and TV companies over money. The suspension could affect 600,000 football players and 30,000 matches. Barcelona currently lead rivals Real Madrid by just two points, with three games left. There is still time for a deal.

The Spanish government wants all teams to bargain together over TV money. Currently, nearly half of all money goes to Barcelona and Real Madrid because they can negotiate their own deals. The Spanish federation said the government lacked respect for interfering in football. It said it was not included in talks on the new TV rights law. In another twist, players have threatened to strike for not being part of the talks.

Sources: http://www.**bbc.com**/sport/0/football/32619740 http://www.**eurosport.com**/football/liga/2014-2015/reports-spanish-domestic-football-suspendsend-of-season-matches\_sto4715138/story.shtml http://www.**90min.com**/posts/2135982-spanish-football-suspended-indefinitely-from-16th-mayafter-dispute-with-government

# MATCHING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html

#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	Spain is	a.	600,000 football players
2	may not go	b.	by just two points
3.	championship-deciding	c.	dispute
4.	This is because of a	d.	in shock
5.	the Spanish football	e.	for a deal
6.	The suspension could affect	f.	rounds of matches
7.	Barcelona currently lead rivals Real Madrid	g.	ahead
8.	There is still time	h.	federation

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	bargain together	a.	rights law
2	nearly half	b.	in football
3.	they can negotiate	c.	to strike
4.	the government lacked	d.	over TV money
5.	interfering	e.	of the talks
6.	talks on the new TV	f.	their own deals
7.	players have threatened	g.	respect
8.	not being part	h.	of all money

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150510-la-liga-4.html

Spain (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ all the country's football games may not go ahead after May 16. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ final, championshipdeciding rounds of matches in La Liga. This is (3) between the Spanish football federation and TV companies over money. The suspension (4) football players and 30,000 matches. Barcelona (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Real Madrid by just two points, with three games left. There is still (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The Spanish government wants all teams (7) over TV money. Currently, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ money goes to Barcelona and Real Madrid because they can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ deals. The Spanish federation said the government lacked (10) in football. It said it was not included (11) new TV rights another players have law. In twist, threatened (12) \_\_\_\_\_ being part of the talks.

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# **FOOTBALL SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about football in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

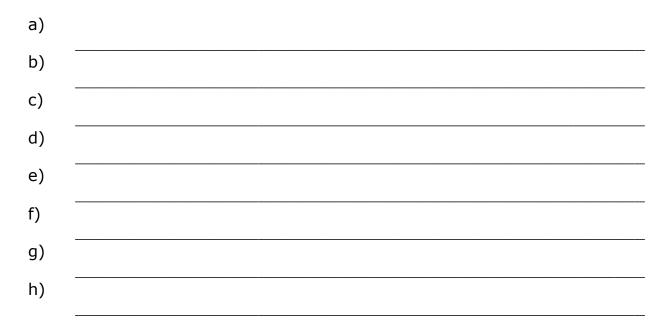
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	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).

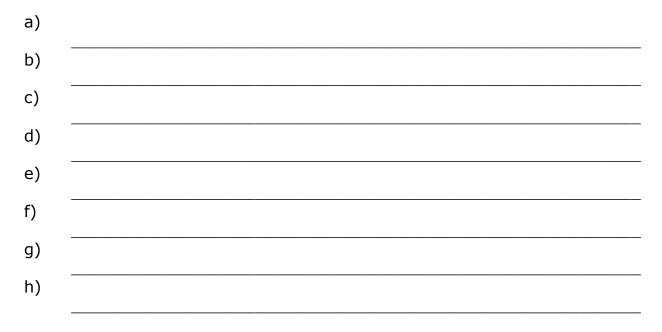


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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



# FREE WRITING

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Write about **football** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.