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### Thousands of Argentinians say goodbye to Maradona

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# Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).

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#### THE ARTICLE

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

Thousands of football fans paid their final respects to football legend Diego Maradona on Thursday. Huge crowds lined the streets of the capital Buenos Aires to catch a glimpse of the car carrying his body. The car was draped in the Argentina flag and a football shirt bearing his trademark number 10. Thousands more silently walked past his coffin as it was put on public display at the Presidential Palace. They were weeping, blowing kisses to their hero and praying. Maradona passed away on Wednesday, aged 60. He died of a heart attack. Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess. He transcended football. He has my respect. I had to be here."

Diego Armando Maradona is widely regarded as one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football pitch. Many consider him to be the best. He captained his national team when Argentina won the 1986 World Cup. He scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against England in the quarter-finals. In that same game, he scored another goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the twentieth century. Maradona played for Barcelona in Spain and Napoli in Italy. Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leave us because Diego is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele, a constant 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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#### **WARM-UPS**

- **1. MARADONA:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Maradona. 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 / respects / legend / Argentina / football shirt / number 10 / hero / pray / football pitch / captain / national team / World Cup / eternal / rival / accolade / sky

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

- **3. FOOTBALL:** Students A **strongly** believe football is a better word than soccer; Students B **strongly** believe soccer is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. LEGENDS:** Who are the biggest legends in these areas? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Sport		
Movies		
Games		
Music		
Environment		
Business		

- **5. HERO:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "hero". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. SPORTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best sports at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

Football

Tennis

Skiing

• Formula 1

Golf

Basketball

Hockey

Cricket

#### **VOCABULARY MATCHING**

#### Paragraph 1

- respect a. Something that is seem as a special ability or action of someone.
- 2. legend b. A quick look at something.
- 3. glimpse c. An extremely famous person.
- draped
   Went beyond the range or limits of something.
- 5. trademark e. A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something because of their abilities and qualities.
- 6. mourning f. Arranged cloth loosely or casually on something.
- 7. transcended g. A time of deep sadness, remembrance and sorrow for someone who has died.

#### Paragraph 2

- 8. regarded h. A field on which games like football is played.
- 9. pitch i. Lasting or existing forever.
- 10. quarter-finals j. Someone competing with another person to be the winner or to be the best.
- 11. century k. A match or round of a knock-out competition that has eight teams or players left.
- 12. eternal I. Remaining the same over a period of time.
- 13. constant m. A period of one hundred years.
- 14. rival n. Thought of.

### **BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

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

- a. The article says hundreds of thousands of fans line the streets. T/F
- b. The car carrying Maradona's body was draped in his number 10 shirt. **T/F**
- c. Maradona's body was put on display at the national stadium.
- d. The government declared three days of mourning for Maradona. T / F
- e. The article says Maradona was the best football player ever. **T/F**
- f. Maradona scored a goal called the "Arm of God" goal.
- g. Maradona played football in Italy and Spain.
- h. The football legend Pele wants to play with Maradona in the sky. **T/F**

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

- 1. fans
- 2. glimpse
- 3. trademark
- 4. weeping
- 5. passed away
- 6. regarded
- 7. greatest
- 8. eternal
- 9. rival
- 10. accolade

- best a.
- b. crying
- c. thought of
- d. challenger
- e. brief look
- f. everlasting
- g. characteristic
- h. died
- i. honour
- supporters

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

- Thousands of football fans paid
- 2. catch a
- The car was draped
- Argentina's government declared three days
- He transcended
- 6. widely regarded as one of the
- 7. football
- 8. He captained his
- 9. the twentieth
- 10. play together in

- a. of national mourning
- in the Argentina flag
- c. century
- d. pitch
- glimpse of the car e.
- f. national team
- greatest players ever
- h. football
- the sky i.
- their final respects

# **GAP FILL**

Thousands of football fans (1) their final	draped
respects to football legend Diego Maradona on Thursday. Huge	passed
(2) lined the streets of the capital Buenos	naid
Aires to catch a glimpse of the car carrying his body. The car was	paid
(3) in the Argentina flag and a football shirt	respect
bearing his (4) number 10. Thousands more	trademark
silently walked past his coffin as it was put on public display at the	mourning
Presidential Palace. They were weeping, (5)	_
kisses to their hero and praying. Maradona (6)	crowds
away on Wednesday, aged 60. He died of a heart attack.	blowing
Argentina's government declared three days of national	
(7) for him. One fan said: "Maradona	
represents Argentinianess. He transcended football. He has my	
(8) I had to be here."	
Diego Armando Maradona is (9) regarded as	pitch
one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football	century
(10) Many consider him to be the best. He	,
(11) his national team when Argentina won the	rival
1986 World Cup. He scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against	quarter
England in the (12)finals. In that same game,	widely
he scored another goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the	sky
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in Spain and Napoli in Italy. Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi	eternal
said: "Maradona will never leave us because Diego is	captained
(14)" Brazilian legend Pele, a constant	
(15) to Maradona for the world's greatest ever	
player accolade, said he hoped to one day, "play together in the	
(16)" with Maradona.	

# **LISTENING** — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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2)	Hu a. b. c.	age crowds lined the streets of the capital Buenos Aires to catch the car a glimpse off a glimpse of the glimpse of the glimpse of the glimpse of
3)	a. b. c.	ped in the Argentina flag and a football shirt bearing his trademarks number 10 trader mark number 10 traded mark number 10 trademark number 10
4)	Th a. b. c.	ousands more silently walked past his coffin as it was put off public display on public display at public display to public display
5)	repa. b. c.	has my aspect has my respect has my respect has my respect has my specked
6)	reg a. b. c.	garded as one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football pitch a football patch a football batch a football pitcher
7)	a. b. c.	scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against England in the third-finals the half-finals the quarter-finals the eighth-finals
8)	a. b. c.	other goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the twentieth centurion the twentieth cent jury the twentieth century the twentieth sent jury
9)	a. b. c.	pradona will never leave us because Diego is eternally Diego is eternal Diego is eternalise Diego is eternity
10		reatest ever player accolade, said he hoped to one day, "play together
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# **LISTENING** – Listen and fill in the gaps

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legend Diego Maradona on Thursday. (2)	the
streets of the capital Buenos Aires to (3)	of the car
carrying his body. The car was draped in the Argentina flag a	and a football
shirt bearing his trademark number 10. Thousands more silently	y walked past
his coffin as it was put (4) at the	Presidential
Palace. They were weeping, (5) th	eir hero and
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players ever to step onto (8) Many co	nsider him to
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World Cup. He (9) "Hand of God"	goal against
England in the quarter-finals. In that same game, he scored	another goal
that was voted as the greatest goal of (10)	,
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Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leav	e us because
Diego is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele, (11)	to
Maradona for the world's greatest ever player accolade, said	he hoped to
one day, "play together (12) " with Mar	adona.

# **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1.	What did thousands of fans line in Buenos Aires?
2.	What was the number on the shirt that draped Maradona's car?
3.	Where was Maradona's body put on display?
4.	What did fans blow?
5.	What did a fan say Maradona transcended?
6.	What do many people consider Maradona to be?
7.	When did Maradona captain his team to World Cup victory?
8.	Which Italian team did Maradona play for?
9.	Who said Maradona is eternal?
10.	Where does Pele hope to play with Maradona one day?

# **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

d) sport

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<ol> <li>What did thousands of fans line in Buenos Aires?</li> <li>mourning cards</li> <li>the streets</li> <li>a church</li> <li>the national stadium</li> </ol>	<ul><li>6) What do many people consider Maradona to be?</li><li>a) the best header of a ball</li><li>b) the best captain</li><li>c) the best</li><li>d) the best right-footed player</li></ul>
<ul><li>2) What was the number on the shirt that draped Maradona's car?</li><li>a) 7</li><li>b) 8</li><li>c) 9</li><li>d) 10</li></ul>	7) When did Maradona captain his team to World Cup victory? a) 1992 b) 1990 c) 1984 d) 1986
<ul><li>3) Where was Maradona's body put on display?</li><li>a) the Presidential Palace</li><li>b) the national stadium</li><li>c) a museum</li><li>d) the national cathedral</li></ul>	8) Which Italian team did Maradona play for? a) Napoli b) Roma c) AC Milan d) Juventus
<ul><li>4) What did fans blow?</li><li>a) glass</li><li>b) bubbles</li><li>c) kisses</li><li>d) chances</li></ul>	<ul><li>9) Who said Maradona is eternal?</li><li>a) Lionel Messi</li><li>b) Cristiano Ronaldo</li><li>c) Zinedine Zidane</li><li>d) Megan Rapinoe</li></ul>
<ul><li>5) What did a fan say Maradona transcended?</li><li>a) life</li><li>b) football</li><li>c) legends</li></ul>	<ul><li>10) Where does Pele hope to play with Maradona one day?</li><li>a) in his dreams</li><li>b) in the sky</li><li>c) in a video game</li></ul>

d) in a movie

#### **ROLE PLAY**

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#### Role A - Football

You think football is the greatest sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, basketball or skiing.

#### Role B - Tennis

You think tennis is the greatest sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): football, basketball or skiing.

#### Role C - Basketball

You think basketball is the greatest sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, football or skiing.

#### Role D - Skiing

You think skiing is the greatest sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, basketball or football.

### AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'football' and 'legend'.

football	legend

- 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:

• paid	widely
• capital	• won
• catch	• goal
• silently	• leave
• passed	• rival
<ul> <li>respect</li> </ul>	• sky

#### MARADONA SURVEY

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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.

#### MARADONA 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 'football'?
- 3. What do you know about Maradona?
- 4. Who are your country's greatest sporting heroes?
- 5. Who is the greatest sportsman ever?
- 6. Would you line the streets to pay your last respects to someone?
- 7. Why is Maradona such a hero?
- 8. What do you think of Argentina having three days of mourning?
- 9. Why is football so popular around the world?
- 10. Why do you think Maradona represents 'Argentinaness'?

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#### MARADONA 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 'legend'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of football?
- 15. Who is the greatest sportswoman ever?
- 16. What do you know about Maradona's goals?
- 17. What three adjectives best describe this story?
- 18. What advice do you have for children who want to play like Maradona?
- 19. Should Argentina rename its national stadium to Maradona Stadium?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask an expert on Maradona?

# **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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# **LANGUAGE - CLOZE**

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		other goal tha Maradona play				_			
	-	captain Lionel			=	-		-	
		Brazilian legen						_	
grea	test e	ever player acc	colade,	said he hop	ed to d	one day, "pla	ay toge	ther (12)	
the s	sky" v	vith Maradona.							
Put	the c	orrect words	from	the table be	low in	the above	article		
1.	(a)	purchased	(b)	paid	(c)	spent	(d)	used	
2.	(a)	lint	(b)	aligned	(c)	linked	(d)	lined	
3.	(a)	glance	(b)	glimpse	(c)	glimmer	(d)	glamour	
4.	(a)	with	(b)	at	(c)	on	(d)	to	
5.	(a)	passed	(b)	past	(c)	parsed	(d)	paste	
6.	(a)	fan	(b)	ban	(c)	pan	(d)	tan	
7.	(a)	wider	(b)	width	(c)	widen	(d)	widely	
8.	(a)	consider	(b)	tier	(c)	applause	(d)	knowledge	
9.	(a)	was	(b)	as	(c)	is	(d)	has	
10.	(a)	Now	(b)	Nowadays	(c)	Current	(d)	Modern	
11.	(a)	libel	(b)	viral	(c)	rival	(d)	rebel	
12.	(a)	up	(b)	in	(c)	as	(d)	to	

#### **SPELLING**

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#### Paragraph 1

- 1. paid their final <u>rpetssec</u>
- 2. football <u>legdne</u> Diego Maradona
- 3. catch a giempls of the car carrying his body
- 4. his rredkaatm number 10
- 5. put on public ayildsp
- 6. three days of national imngonur

### Paragraph 2

- 7. widely <u>drgrdeae</u> as one of the greatest
- 8. Many <u>idecnosr</u> him to be the best
- 9. against England in the <u>auertqr</u>-finals
- 10. the greatest goal of the twentieth cyeunrt
- 11. Diego is <u>telenra</u>
- 12. a constant liray to Maradona

# **PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**

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#### Number these lines in the correct order.

(	)	past his coffin as it was put on public display at the Presidential Palace. They were weeping, blowing
(	)	us because Diego is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele, a constant rival to Maradona for the world's
(	)	in the Argentina flag and a football shirt bearing his trademark number 10. Thousands more silently walked
(	)	crowds lined the streets of the capital Buenos Aires to catch a glimpse of the car carrying his body. The car was draped
(	)	pitch. Many consider him to be the best. He captained his national team when Argentina won the 1986
(	)	of a heart attack. Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents
(	<b>1</b> )	Thousands of football fans paid their final respects to football legend Diego Maradona on Thursday. Huge
(	)	greatest ever player accolade, said he hoped to one day, "play together in the sky" with Maradona.
(	)	kisses to their hero and praying. Maradona passed away on Wednesday, aged 60. He died
(	)	Diego Armando Maradona is widely regarded as one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football
(	)	another goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the twentieth century. Maradona played
(	)	Argentinianess. He transcended football. He has my respect. I had to be here."
(	)	for Barcelona in Spain and Napoli in Italy. Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona will never leave
(	)	World Cup. He scored the famous "Hand of God" goal against England in the guarter-finals. In that same game, he scored

#### PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

- 1. fans paid Thousands final their football of respects .
- 2. crowds of streets lined the capital . the Huge
- 3. was flag . the draped Argentina in The car
- 4. public Palace . display at the Put on Presidential
- 5. of Argentina's days national three declared mourning, government
- 6. pitch . The to on players greatest a football step
- 7. God goal . the Hand famous scored He of
- 8. greatest the goal twentieth century . Voted the of
- 9. us Diego never He'll eternal . leave because is
- 10. would together . day play they He hoped one

# **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)**

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

Thousands of football fans paid / spent their final respects to football legend Diego Maradona on Thursday. Huge crowds aligned / lined the streets of the capital Buenos Aires to catch a *glimpse / glance* of the car carrying his body. The car was drooped / draped in the Argentina flag and a football shirt bearing / pandering his trademark number 10. Thousands more silence / silently walked past his coffin as it was put on / in public display at the Presidential Palace. They were weeping, blowing / puffing kisses to their hero and praying. Maradona passed away / out on Wednesday, aged 60. He died of a heart attack. Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning for him. One fan said: "Maradona represents Argentinianess. He transcended football. He has my inspect / respect. I had to be here."

Diego Armando Maradona is widened / widely regarded as one of the greatest players ever to step / stage onto a football patch / pitch. Many consider him to be the best. He captained his national team when Argentina won the 1986 World Cup. He scored / scared the famous "Hand of God" goal against England in the quarter-finals. In that same game, he scored another goal that was voted / vetoed as the greatest goal of the twentieth century. Maradona played for Barcelona in Spain and Napoli in Italy. Currency / Current Barcelona captain Lionel Messi said: "Maradona is / will never leave us because / however Diego is eternal." Brazilian legend Pele, a constant rival at / to Maradona for the world's greatest ever player accolade, said he hoped to one day, "play together in a / the sky" with Maradona.

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

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

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Th\_s\_nds \_f f\_\_tb\_II f\_ns p\_\_d th\_\_r f\_n\_I r\_sp\_cts t\_ f\_\_tb\_II l\_g\_nd D\_\_g M\_r\_d\_n\_ \_n Th\_rsd\_y. H\_g\_cr\_wds l\_n\_d th\_ str\_\_ts \_f th\_ c\_p\_t\_I B\_\_n\_s \_\_r\_s t\_ c\_tch \_ gl\_mps\_ \_f th\_ c\_r c\_rry\_ng h\_s b\_dy. Th\_c\_cr\_w\_s dr\_p\_d \_n th\_ \_rg\_nt\_n\_ fl\_g \_nd \_ f\_\_tb\_II sh\_rt b\_\_r\_ng h\_s tr\_d\_m\_rk n\_mb\_r 10. Th\_\_s\_nds m\_r\_ s\_I\_ntly w\_Ik\_d p\_st h\_s c\_ff\_n \_s \_t w\_s p\_t\_n p\_bl\_c d\_spl\_y \_t th\_ pr\_s\_d\_nt\_\_I p\_I\_c\_. Th\_y w\_r\_ w\_p\_ng, bl\_w\_ng k\_ss\_s t\_ th\_\_r h\_r\_ \_nd pr\_y\_ng. M\_r\_d\_n\_ p\_ss\_d \_w\_y \_n W\_dn\_sd\_y, \_g\_d 60. H\_ d\_d\_f \_h\_rt \_tt\_ck. \_rg\_nt\_n\_'s g\_v\_rnm\_nt d\_cl\_r\_d thr\_\_ d\_ys \_f n\_t\_\_n\_I m\_\_rn\_ng f\_r h\_m. \_n\_ f\_n s\_d: "M\_r\_d\_n\_ r\_pr\_s\_nts \_rg\_nt\_n\_nss. H\_tr\_nsc\_nd\_d f\_\_tb\_II. H\_ h\_s my r\_sp\_ct. \_ h\_d t\_ b\_h\_r\_."

D\_\_g\_ \_rm\_nd\_ M\_r\_d\_n\_ \_s w\_d\_ly r\_g\_rd\_d \_s \_n\_ \_ f th\_ gr\_\_t\_st pl\_y\_rs \_v\_r t\_ st\_p \_nt\_ \_ f\_\_tb\_ll p\_tch. M\_ny c\_ns\_d\_r h\_m t\_ b\_ th\_ b\_st. H\_ c\_pt\_\_n\_d h\_s n\_t\_\_n\_l t\_\_m wh\_n \_rg\_nt\_n\_ w\_n th\_ 1986 W\_rld C\_p. H\_ sc\_r\_d th\_ f\_m\_\_s "H\_nd \_f G\_d" g\_\_l \_g\_nst \_ngl\_nd \_n th\_ q\_\_rt\_r-f\_n\_ls. \_n th\_t s\_m\_ g\_m\_, h\_ sc\_r\_d \_n\_th\_r g\_\_l th\_t w\_s v\_t\_d \_s th\_ gr\_\_t\_st g\_\_l \_f th\_ tw\_nt\_\_th c\_nt\_ry. M\_r\_d\_n\_ pl\_y\_d f\_r B\_rc\_l\_n\_ \_n Sp\_\_n \_nd N\_p\_l\_ \_n \_t\_ly. C\_rr\_nt B\_rc\_l\_n\_ c\_pt\_\_n L\_\_n\_l M\_ss\_ s\_\_d: "M\_r\_d\_n\_ w\_ll \_n\_v\_r l\_\_v\_ \_s b\_c\_\_s D\_\_g\_ \_s \_t\_rn\_l." Br\_z\_l\_n l\_g\_nd P\_l\_, \_ c\_nst\_nt r\_v\_l t\_ M\_r\_d\_n\_ f\_r th\_ w\_rld's gr\_\_t\_st \_v\_r pl\_y\_r \_cc\_l\_d\_, s\_\_d h\_ h\_p\_d t\_ \_n\_ d\_y, "pl\_y t\_g\_th\_r \_n th\_ sky" w\_th M\_r\_d\_n\_.

#### PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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thousands of football fans paid their final respects to football legend diego maradona on thursday huge crowds lined the streets of the capital buenos aires to catch a glimpse of the car carrying his body the car was draped in the argentina flag and a football shirt bearing his trademark number 10 thousands more silently walked past his coffin as it was put on public display at the Presidential Palace they were weeping blowing kisses to their hero and praying maradona passed away on wednesday aged 60 he died of a heart attack argentinas government declared three days of national mourning for him one fan said maradona represents argentinianess he transcended football he has my respect i had to be here

diego armando maradona is widely regarded as one of the greatest players ever to step onto a football pitch many consider him to be the best he captained his national team when argentina won the 1986 world cup he scored the famous hand of god goal against england in the quarterfinals in that same game he scored another goal that was voted as the greatest goal of the twentieth century maradona played for barcelona in spain and napoli in italy current barcelona captain lionel messi said maradona will never leave us because diego is eternal brazilian legend pele a constant rival to maradona for the worlds greatest ever player accolade said he hoped to one day play together in the sky with

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ThousandsoffootballfanspaidtheirfinalrespectstofootballlegendDieg oMaradonaonThursday.HugecrowdslinedthestreetsofthecapitalBue nosAirestocatchaglimpseofthecarcarryinghisbody. The carwasdrape dintheArgentinaflagandafootballshirtbearinghistrademarknumber1 0. Thousands more silently walked past his coffinasit was put on public dis playatthePresidentialPalace.Theywereweeping,blowingkissestothei rheroandpraying.MaradonapassedawayonWednesday,aged60.Hedi edofaheartattack. Argentina's government declared three days of natio nalmourningforhim.Onefansaid:"MaradonarepresentsArgentiniane ss.Hetranscendedfootball.Hehasmyrespect.Ihadtobehere."DiegoAr mandoMaradonaiswidelyregardedasoneofthegreatestplayerseverto stepontoafootballpitch.Manyconsiderhimtobethebest.Hecaptained hisnationalteamwhenArgentinawonthe1986WorldCup.Hescoredthe famous"HandofGod"goalagainstEnglandinthequarter-finals.Inthats amegame, hescored another goal that was voted as the greatest goal of t hetwentiethcentury.MaradonaplayedforBarcelonainSpainandNapoli inItaly.CurrentBarcelonacaptainLionelMessisaid:"Maradonawillnev erleaveusbecauseDiegoiseternal."BrazilianlegendPele,aconstantriv altoMaradonafortheworld'sgreatesteverplayeraccolade, saidhehope dtooneday, "playtogetherinthesky" with Maradona.

# **FREE WRITING**

Write about <b>Maradona</b> for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.			

# **ACADEMIC WRITING**

Maradona is the greatest player ever to play football. Discuss.				

#### **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. MARADONA:** Make a poster about Maradona. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. FOOTBALL:** Write a magazine article about making 'football' the proper name for the game and banning the word 'soccer'. 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 Maradona. Ask him/her three questions about him. Give him/her three of your opinions on Maradona. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

#### **ANSWERS**

#### **VOCABULARY (p.4)**

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

#### TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

Т c F d Te FfF g T h T

#### **SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)**

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

#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9) WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1.	The streets	1.	Thousands of football fans paid their final respects.
2.	Ten	2.	Huge crowds lined the streets of the capital.
3.	The Presidential Palace	3.	The car was draped in the Argentina flag.
4.	Kisses	4.	Put on public display at the Presidential Palace.
5.	Football	5.	Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning.
6.	The best	6.	The greatest players to step on a football pitch.
7.	1986	7.	He scored the famous Hand of God goal.
8.	Napoli	8.	Voted the greatest goal of the twentieth century.
9.	Lionel Messi	9.	He'll never leave us because Diego is eternal.
10.	The sky	10.	He hoped they would one day play together.

#### **MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)**

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

#### **ALL OTHER EXERCISES**

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