World Cup 2018

Task 1 – Vocabulary

Complete the sentences below with a verb from the box in the correct form. You can use each verb more than once.

| beat | do | go | play | practise | support | win |

1. I don't really like _____________ sport – I prefer reading or watching TV.
2. It doesn't matter if your opponent ___________ you; playing is the most important thing.
3. I don't ____________ any teams, but I do have some favourite sports people.
4. I prefer _____________ team games rather than individual sports.
5. If you want to get good at a sport, it's important to ____________ regularly – at least three times a week.
6. If I could ____________ any important sports competition, I would choose the World Cup.
7. _____________ cycling is a great way to get around the city, while getting some exercise.

Task 2 – Discussion

With a partner, discuss the statements in Task 1. Do you agree or disagree? How would you modify the statement to make it true for you?
Task 3 – World Cup quiz

The World Cup begins in June this year – but how much do you know about this huge international tournament? Work in teams to answer the questions.

World Cup quiz

Q1: Which was the first team to win the World Cup in 1930?
   a. Brazil       b. Germany   c. Uruguay

Q2: Which country has won the most World Cups?
   a. Italy        b. England   c. Brazil

Q3: What is the biggest number of goals scored in a World Cup tournament?
   a. 56           b. 143       c. 171

Q4: What percentage of the world’s population watched the 2014 World Cup on TV?
   a. almost 27%   b. almost 50%  c. almost 67%

Q5: How many World Cups have there been since the first one in 1930?
   a. 20           b. 23        c. 24

Q6: Which country will host the 2022 World Cup?
   a. Costa Rica   b. China     c. Qatar

Q7: Which of these countries has NOT won a World Cup tournament?
   a. France       b. The USA    c. England

Q8: How much money will the winning team receive from FIFA this World Cup?
   a. 1 million dollars b. 3.8 million dollars c. 38 million dollars

Q9: Which team scored ten goals in a single group match in 1982?
   a. Hungary      b. Spain     c. Italy

Q10: Which country has reached the final three times, but has never won the World Cup?
    a. Portugal     b. The Netherlands  c. Poland
Task 6 – Presentation

You will be given a country from this year's World Cup qualifying teams. In pairs, you will research information about that country and prepare a 5-minute presentation that you will give to the class.

You can include the following information:

A: The country
- Where is the country?
- What language(s) do they speak?
- What's the climate like?
- What are some of the typical dishes from this country?
- What are the most famous places in this country that people visit?
- Are there any famous football stadiums?

B: Football in this country
- What are the most popular football teams in the country?
- Are there any well-known players from this country? Which teams do they play for?
- Have they ever competed in or won a previous World Cup? When?
- Which group are they in? Can you predict where they will come in the group?
- How probable is it that they will win the World Cup?

Task 7 – Note-taking

As you listen to your classmates' presentations, take notes to answer the following questions:

- Which country would you most like to visit? Why?
- Which country do you think has the best chance of winning the World Cup? Why?
- Which country do you think will be eliminated first? Why?