

e-lesson

Week starting: July 19, 2010

1. The 2010 World Cup

This week's lesson looks back on the soccer World Cup that has just finished in South Africa.

Level

Intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students what they thought of the World Cup. What did they consider the best moments? Were they unhappy about anything that happened? If your students' country was taking part, what do your students think of its team's performance? If your students made any specific predictions before the tournament began, how accurate did they turn out to be? Do your students think the World Cup was of benefit to South Africa – or indeed to anyone? If any of your students were uninterested in the World Cup, ask them to explain why.
2. Give your students between five and ten minutes to read through Worksheet A, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that many of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B, then divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to complete Exercise 1, in which they have to find the words to match the definitions. (You might want to mention that the verbs defined on Worksheet B are not necessarily in their infinitive form on Worksheet A.)
4. Check answers in open class.
5. Ask the students to turn over their copies of Worksheets A and B, and their glossaries. Keeping the students in their pairs, hand out Worksheet C, which contains the text from Worksheet A with twenty incorrect words that the students have to identify and correct. The words containing the mistakes are all in bold, as are five other words that are correct. Point out that the mistakes are all grammatical or lexical, and that no correction requires them to write more than one additional word.
6. Check answers in open class.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. widespread 2. upcoming 3. thrash 4. tournament 5. predict
6. consensus 7. blow 8. host 9. forward 10. knock out 11. overtime
12. come to an end 13. resident 14. dominate 15. praise

Exercise 2

2. goal 3. However 4. worse 6. quarterfinals 7. to 8. agreement 9. skillful
11. champions 12. media 14. stage 15. consensus 16. enthusiasm 17. horns
18. nonstop 19. atmosphere 21. aquarium 22. predict 23. upcoming
24. optimistic 25. eaten

Words in bold that are correct: 1. between 5. out 10. deserved 13. voted
20. irritating

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/>

The official website of the 2010 World Cup. Intermediate level and above.

http://nbcsports.msnbc.com/id/38196159/ns/sports-world_cup/

NBC news article about the Spanish team's triumphant return home, and the parties going on around the country. With accompanying video clips and picture slideshows. Intermediate level and above.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc0FLC8H7D8>

An American news video clip of Paul the Octopus choosing the winning teams (critics say that rather than being psychic, Paul just chooses the box closest to him, or just likes the color yellow). Accessible to intermediate level.