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2010 FIFA WORLD CUP

USA

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THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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The USA will win the World Cup one day. They always win everything eventually. This could be the year. Team USA have really improved over the years. Twenty years ago, they were a weak team. Now they have a really strong team, full of talented players. Many of the players are world class. They play with the top teams in England's Premier League. They also have a really good team spirit. I don't think Group C is so strong. I'm sure the USA will beat Slovenia and Algeria. The toughest opponent will be England, one of the favourites. But who knows... maybe history will repeat itself. All American soccer fans will know that the USA beat England 1-0 in the 1950 World Cup Finals. If that happens again, the USA will be top of their group and have an easier match in the next round.

LISTENING GAP FILL

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I don't think Group C is so strong. I'm sure the USA will beat Slovenia and Algeria. The toughest opponent will be England, one _____.

But who knows... maybe history will repeat itself. All American soccer fans _____ USA beat England 1-0 in the 1950 World Cup Finals. If _____, the USA will be top of their group and have _____ in the next round.



CORRECT THE SPELLING

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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TEAM USA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the USA's team 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.



WRITING

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Write about the USA's team for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about the USA's team. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the USA. How will they do in the 2010 World Cup? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. USA POSTER Make a poster about the USA's team. Include profiles of the star players. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY USA LESSON: Make your own English lesson on the USA. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on the USA. Share your findings with the class.

