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**2010 FIFA WORLD CUP**

**Paraguay**

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.

Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.

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Paraguay are in their fourth World Cup Finals in a row. We are all so proud of this. We love football here and to get to South Africa made us all so happy. We did really well in the qualification round to get to the Finals. Our best ever, in fact. We won ten matches, including a victory against Argentina. Going out in the first round in Germany in 2006 still hurts. This time, that will not happen. We are too strong now. We have really big-name players like Roque Santa Cruz, Oscar Cardozo and Nelson Valdez. They all play in the world's top leagues. I'm really looking forward to seeing Santa Cruz in action. He's electric when he's on the ball. I also can't wait to see us run onto the pitch for our first game. I'll be so, so nervous.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

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# TEAM PARAGUAY SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/world\\_cup/paraguay.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/world_cup/paraguay.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Paraguay'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.







## **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 Paraguay's team. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Paraguay. 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. PARAGUAY POSTER** Make a poster about Paraguay'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 PARAGUAY LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Paraguay. 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 Paraguay. Share your findings with the class.

