



## **LISTENING: THE 2014 WORLD CUP**

In order to do this task, you should follow these steps:

1. Listen to the podcast
2. Do the exercises below
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text.

### ✓ **WORKSHEET**

1. **The teams that are taking part in the 2014 FIFA Club World Cup are...**
  - a) Moghreb Athletic de Tétouan, FC Auckland, ES Sétif, Cruz Azul, Western Sydney Wanderers, San Lorenzo and Real Madrid
  - b) Moghreb Athletic de Tétouan, FC Auckland, Raja Casablanca, Cruz Azul, Western Sydney Wanderers, San Lorenzo and Real Madrid
  - c) Moghreb Athletic de Tétouan, FC Auckland, ES Sétif, Cruz Azul, Western Sydney Wanderers, Al-Ahli, San Lorenzo and Real Madrid
  
2. **Which team has played first in the tournament?**
  - a) FC Auckland
  - b) The Oceania Champions
  - c) Moghred Athletic de Tétouan
  
3. **Which team represented Morocco last year and reached the semi-final stage?**
  - a) Raja Casablanca
  - b) Moghred Athletic de Tétoun
  - c) ES Sétif
  
4. **In the quarter-final match between Mexico's Cruz Azul and Western Sydney Wanderers, who is the favourite to win?**
  - a) Western Sydney Wanderers
  - b) Cruz Azul
  - c) It is difficult to predict it because both teams play really well.

5. According to the predictions of the 2014 Club World Cup, which team is supposed to be the champion of this tournament?

- a) San Lorenzo
- b) Real Madrid
- c) None of the answers is correct.

✓ **VOCABULARY SUPPORT**

- **stalemate**: a draw, a game ending with no winner/ empate
- **emulate**: copy; repeat/ copiar; repetir
- **dumped out**: be defeated in a competition (usually embarrassingly early)/ ser derrotado en una competición bastante antes de lo esperado
- **hurdle**: difficulty/ obstáculo; traba
- **berth**: place/ lugar
- **the smart money is on A**: most people think A will win/ la mayoría de la gente piensa que A ganará
- **stun**: surprise/ asombrar; anodadar
- **pundit**: commentator/ comentarista
- **uphill task**: a difficult job; a stern test/ una tarea complicada
- **history against them**: previous records and statistics don't support their chances/ tener los resultados previos en contra
- **an upset**: a shock result; a surprise/ una gran sorpresa

✓ **PODCAST TRANSCRIPT**

### THE 2014 CLUB WORLD CUP

It's December, which means it's FIFA's Club World Cup and it is again being held in Morocco. There are seven teams taking part, a format which started in 2006. There are the Champions from each of the six federations and a team from Morocco, Moghreb Athletic de Tétouan.

Athletic, the Moroccan champions, kicked off the tournament against FC Auckland, the Oceania champions, and were unlucky to go out on penalties after the game ended in **stalemate** and a 0-0 scoreline. They will be disappointed not to have **emulated** Raja Casablanca, who represented Morocco last year and reached the

semi-final stage. On the other hand, Auckland, appearing for the second time in the competition, will be glad if they weren't **dumped out** of the tournament at the first **hurdle** like last year. They play ES Sétif, representing Algeria and Africa, with a **berth** in the semis for the winner.

The other quarter final is between Mexico's Cruz Azul and Asian Champions Western Sydney Wanderers, who **stunned** most **pundits** by overcoming Al-Ahli in the Asian Champions league final. Western Sydney was only formed in 2012, which adds to their achievement. **The smart money is on** Cruz to win.

The big guns from South America and Europe join the competition at the semi final stage next week. San Lorenzo from Argentina faces **an uphill task** to lift the title. First, they will have to overcome Auckland or ES Sétif, and then most likely Spain's Real Madrid. San Lorenzo also has **history against them**, as only two teams from South America have won the title in its current format – Internacional and Corinthians in 2006 and 2012, both Brazilian teams. Cruz or Western Sydney will take on Real Madrid, and it would be a spectacular **upset** if they could beat the Spanish giants.

Expect a San Lorenzo versus Real Madrid final, with Real being crowned champions.