



READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text and answer the questions below:

THE 2010 WORLD CUP (SOUTH AFRICA)

The **2010 World Cup** football competition took place in South Africa between June 11th and July 11th, 2010. This was the 19th FIFA World Cup. It was an event that is held every four years.

This was the first time that the World Cup was held in an African country. South Africa competed against Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Libya (Tunisia and Libya offered to **co-host** the competition) for the organization of the event. Following the decision of the FIFA Executive Committee not to allow co-hosted **tournaments**, Tunisia **withdrew** from the **bidding process**. The **committee** also decided



not to consider Libya's solo bid as it no longer met all the stipulations laid down in the official List of Requirements. After one round of voting, the winning bid was announced by FIFA president Sepp Blatter at a media conference on 15th May 2004 in Zürich. South Africa was awarded the rights to **host** the tournament as it got 14 votes, **defeating** Morocco (10 votes) and Egypt (0 votes)

During 2006 to 2007, a lot of rumors circulated in various news sources that the 2010 World Cup could be moved to another country. Some people expressed concern over the planning and organization of South Africa's preparations. Others even expressed concerns over the safety of World Cup visitors. In fact, South Africa has a high rate of criminality. However, FIFA **officials** repeatedly expressed their confidence in South Africa as **host** and showed their trust in the ability of the country to organize the competition successfully.

QUESTIONS

1. South Africa was the

- a) the first country to hold the World Cup
- b) The first African country to hold the World Cup

2. There were

- a) Five countries competing to hold the event
- b) Three countries competing to hold the event

3. The country which was a real opponent to south Africa in winning the bid was

- a) Egypt
- b) Morocco

4. FIFA officials were

- a) Confident in the ability of South Africans to hold the event
- b) Sceptical about the ability of South Africans to hold the event

5. How often does the World Cup take place?

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6. Which countries competed for the organization of the event?

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7. Why didn't the FIFA Executive Committee consider Libya's bid?

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8. Which concerns were there about South Africa organizing the 2010 World Cup?

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9. Write down the ten technical words in bold and their correct translation in Spanish:

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- 2)
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- 10)