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Japan wins women's soccer World Cup

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Japan beat the USA 3-1 on penalties to win the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. The score was 1-1 after normal time. USA striker Alex Morgan scored the opening goal after 69 minutes. Japan equalized twelve minutes later when Aya Miyama coolly put the ball in the back of the net. Abby Wambach put the USA ahead again in the 104th minute, but Japan kept fighting and Homare Sawa brought the two teams level three minutes before the final whistle. The game went into penalties. Japan's goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori saved two US kicks. Japan's Ski Kumagai then scored the winning penalty.

Almost 50,000 spectators watched the Final in Frankfurt, Germany. It was the 26th meeting between the two teams and Japan had never beaten the USA. Before the game, Japan's players said they wanted to win the World Cup for the victims of the deadly March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Japan captain Sawa said: "We fought until the very end." USA coach Pia Sundhage congratulated Japan and said they showed great spirit. "They are comfortable with the ball even when they are behind, and that kind of thing is good for women's football," she said.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Japan beat the USA 3-1 | a. teams level |
| 2. The score was 1-1 after | b. after 69 minutes |
| 3. Morgan scored the opening goal | c. normal time |
| 4. Miyama coolly put the ball in | d. into penalties |
| 5. Homare Sawa brought the two | e. the back of the net |
| 6. The game went | f. on penalties |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Almost 50,000 spectators | a. March 11 earthquake |
| 2. Japan had never | b. watched the Final |
| 3. victims of the deadly | c. with the ball |
| 4. We fought until | d. beaten the USA |
| 5. they showed great | e. the very end |
| 6. They are comfortable | f. spirit |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Japan beat the USA 3-1 _____ the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. The score was 1-1 _____. USA striker Alex Morgan scored the opening goal after 69 minutes. Japan equalized twelve minutes later when Aya Miyama coolly put the ball in _____. Abby Wambach put the USA ahead again in the 104th minute, but Japan kept fighting and Homare Sawa brought _____ three minutes before the final whistle. _____ penalties. Japan's goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori saved two US kicks. Japan's Ski Kumagai _____ penalty.

Almost 50,000 _____ Final in Frankfurt, Germany. It was the 26th meeting between the two teams and Japan _____ USA. Before the game, Japan's players said they wanted to win the World Cup _____ the deadly March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Japan captain Sawa said: "We _____ end." USA coach Pia Sundhage congratulated Japan and said they _____. "They are comfortable with the ball even when they are behind, and _____ is good for women's football," she said.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Japan beat the USA 3-1 (1) _____ penalties to win the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. The score was 1-1 after (2) _____ time. USA striker Alex Morgan scored the opening goal after 69 minutes. Japan (3) _____ twelve minutes later when Aya Miyama coolly put the ball in the back of the net. Abby Wambach put the USA ahead again in the 104th minute, but Japan (4) _____ fighting and Homare Sawa brought the two teams level three minutes before the final (5) _____. The game went into penalties. Japan's goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori saved two US kicks. Japan's Ski Kumagai (6) _____ scored the winning penalty.

Almost 50,000 spectators watched the Final in Frankfurt, Germany. It was the 26th (7) _____ between the two teams and Japan had never (8) _____ the USA. Before the game, Japan's players said they wanted to win the World Cup (9) _____ the victims of the deadly March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Japan captain Sawa said: "We fought until the (10) _____ end." USA coach Pia Sundhage congratulated Japan and said they showed (11) _____ spirit. "They are comfortable with the ball even when they are behind, and that (12) _____ of thing is good for women's football," she said.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) on |
| 2. | (a) normal | (b) average | (c) usually |
| 3. | (a) equaled | (b) equalized | (c) equality |
| 4. | (a) gave | (b) kept | (c) did |
| 5. | (a) whistle | (b) blow | (c) drum |
| 6. | (a) after | (b) so | (c) then |
| 7. | (a) meeting | (b) get-together | (c) gathering |
| 8. | (a) beat | (b) beating | (c) beaten |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) from |
| 10. | (a) last | (b) very | (c) quite |
| 11. | (a) greet | (b) great | (c) grate |
| 12. | (a) gentle | (b) care | (c) kind |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. 3-1 on asenepilt
2. after loramn time
3. scored the innpoeg goal
4. Japan kept hifgigtn
5. the final eshwlit
6. the iinnwnq penalty

Paragraph 2

7. 50,000 csetosratp watched the Final
8. the 26th geteimn
9. invstci of the deadly March 11 earthquake
10. We fohgtu until the very end
11. they showed great siirtp
12. even when they are hndieb

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () two US kicks. Japan's Ski Kumagai then scored the winning penalty.
- () the final whistle. The game went into penalties. Japan's goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori saved
- () meeting between the two teams and Japan had never beaten the USA. Before the game, Japan's players said they wanted
- () are behind, and that kind of thing is good for women's football," she said.
- () time. USA striker Alex Morgan scored the opening goal after 69 minutes. Japan equalized twelve minutes later when Aya Miyama coolly
- () minute, but Japan kept fighting and Homare Sawa brought the two teams level three minutes before
- () Almost 50,000 spectators watched the Final in Frankfurt, Germany. It was the 26th
- (**1**) Japan beat the USA 3-1 on penalties to win the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup. The score was 1-1 after normal
- () put the ball in the back of the net. Abby Wambach put the USA ahead again in the 104th
- () Japan and said they showed great spirit. "They are comfortable with the ball even when they
- () captain Sawa said: "We fought until the very end." USA coach Pia Sundhage congratulated
- () to win the World Cup for the victims of the deadly March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Japan

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. 1 the - penalties beat 3 on Japan USA.

2. 1 after was 1 time score - normal The.

3. scored after Morgan goal opening minutes the 69.

4. the back of the net Coolly put the ball in.

5. then the penalty Kumagai scored winning.

6. the , Final 000 spectators Almost watched 50.

7. between meeting 26th The teams two the.

8. the earthquake of 11 victims March The deadly.

9. end We until very fought the.

10. with ball They comfortable the are.

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. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WRITING

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Write about soccer 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. SOCCER: Search the Internet and find more information about soccer. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about soccer. Include imaginary interviews with the Japanese players. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the Japan captain. Ask her three questions about the World Cup Final. Give her three of your opinions on women's soccer. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.