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Brazil clears slums ahead of World Cup

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Brazilian police have started its efforts to make the country safer before the 2014 soccer World Cup. At the weekend, police went into Rochina, Brazil's largest *favela* (slum), to clear it of drugs and drug dealers. It is the first time for decades that the police have entered Rochina, a hillside town that overlooks Rio's wealthiest areas. Police officers took control of Rochina without firing any bullets. Drug traffickers who live there did not fight back.

Rio de Janeiro leaders say they plan to move into dozens more *favelas* before the FIFA 2014 World Cup begins. More than 1.5 million people live in 1,000 slums on hillsides across Rio. That's around a third of the city's population. So far, police have arrested six people and found about a ton of illegal drugs. The city now has the opportunity to provide better services because the police are more in control. The *favelas* badly need trash collection services.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1. make the country | a. town |
| 2. drug | b. dealers |
| 3. the first time for | c. safer |
| 4. a hillside | d. back |
| 5. without firing any | e. decades |
| 6. fight | f. bullets |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. move into dozens | a. population |
| 2. hillsides | b. illegal drugs |
| 3. a third of the city's | c. more favelas |
| 4. police have arrested | d. services |
| 5. a ton of | e. across Rio |
| 6. trash collection | f. six people |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Brazilian police have _____ to make the country _____ 2014 soccer World Cup. At the weekend, police went into Rochina, Brazil's largest *favela* (slum), to clear it of drugs _____. It is the first time for decades that the police have entered Rochina, _____ that overlooks Rio's _____. Police officers took control of Rochina without _____. Drug traffickers who live there did not fight back.

Rio de Janeiro leaders say _____ into dozens more *favelas* before the FIFA 2014 World Cup begins. More than 1.5 million people live in 1,000 slums _____ Rio. That's _____ the city's population. So far, police have arrested six people and found about _____ drugs. The city now has the opportunity to provide better services because the police _____. The *favelas* badly need _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Brazilian police have started its (1) _____ to make the country safer before the 2014 soccer World Cup. At the weekend, police went into Rochina, Brazil's largest *favela* (slum), to (2) _____ it of drugs and drug dealers. It is the first time for (3) _____ that the police have entered Rochina, a hillside town that (4) _____ Rio's wealthiest areas. Police officers (5) _____ control of Rochina without firing (6) _____ bullets. Drug traffickers who live there did not fight back.

Rio de Janeiro leaders say they plan to move into (7) _____ more *favelas* before the FIFA 2014 World Cup (8) _____. More than 1.5 million people live in 1,000 slums on hillsides (9) _____ Rio. That's around a third of the city's population. So far, police have arrested six people and found about a ton of (10) _____ drugs. The city now has the opportunity to provide better services because the police are more (11) _____ control. The *favelas* badly need trash collection (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) try | (b) attempting | (c) efforts |
| 2. | (a) clear | (b) clearing | (c) cleared |
| 3. | (a) facades | (b) decades | (c) glades |
| 4. | (a) overhears | (b) overcharges | (c) overlooks |
| 5. | (a) took | (b) done | (c) gave |
| 6. | (a) a | (b) any | (c) all |
| 7. | (a) dozens | (b) numbers | (c) twelves |
| 8. | (a) beginning | (b) begins | (c) beginner |
| 9. | (a) under | (b) via | (c) across |
| 10. | (a) illegal | (b) legality | (c) legalise |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) in |
| 12. | (a) rubbish | (b) services | (c) mountains |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. started its fsfoter
2. make the country fsare
3. drug eslreda
4. a sdeliihl town
5. without firing any tuebsll
6. gihtf back

Paragraph 2

7. Rio de Janeiro dealesr
8. dzenso more
9. ellidishh across Rio
10. around a itdhr
11. pvdiero better services
12. srath collection services

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () bullets. Drug traffickers who live there did not fight back.
- () have entered Rochina, a hillside town that overlooks Rio's wealthiest
- () it of drugs and drug dealers. It is the first time for decades that the police
- () the FIFA 2014 World Cup begins. More than 1.5 million people live in 1,000
- () in control. The *favelas* badly need trash collection services.
- (**1**) Brazilian police have started its efforts to make the country safer before the 2014
- () Rio de Janeiro leaders say they plan to move into dozens more *favelas* before
- () now has the opportunity to provide better services because the police are more
- () slums on hillsides across Rio. That's around a third of the city's population. So far, police
- () areas. Police officers took control of Rochina without firing any
- () have arrested six people and found about a ton of illegal drugs. The city
- () soccer World Cup. At the weekend, police went into Rochina, Brazil's largest *favela* (slum), to clear

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

1. to the safer Efforts make country.

2. it Clear dealers drug and drugs of.

3. is It decades for time first the.

4. officers control Rochina Police took of.

5. not who fight live there Drug did traffickers.

6. into They dozens plan more to favelas move.

7. slums in 000 hillsides live , on People 1.

8. the around city's a population third of That's.

9. opportunity provide services The to better.

10. need badly *favelas* The services collection trash.

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the Brazil World Cup in 2014. Include an imaginary interview with Brazilians. 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 a drug trafficking expert. Ask him/her three questions about drugs. Give him/her three of your opinions on trafficking. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.