

**Intermediate - Volleyball** (C0093)

A: It's a beautiful day here in New Zealand at the Men's Volleyball world championship. My name is Rick Fields and I'm joined by the man with the plan, Bob Copeland.

B: Thank you, Rick. We've got a very exciting encounter ahead of us today as two powerhouse teams, Brazil and China, face off against each other and try to qualify for the next round. Without a doubt, both teams are in top shape and this will prove to be a competitive match.

A: The ref signals the start of the game and here we go. Ribeiro serves and China quickly receives the ball. Chen bumps it to the setter, and... a very nice set by Chen!

B: Xu spikes it! Wow, what a great hit! The Brazilian blockers anticipated the play and tried to block him but he managed to get the ball in! Great play.

A: It's China's service now. What a superb jump serve by Li, oh, and we have a let serve. The ball was coming in fast and almost made it over the net.

B: Brazil calls for a time out and we'll be right back, after a short commercial break.

### Key Vocabulary

encounter	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	meet for a game or battle
ahead of (someone)	<i>Preposition</i>	in the future
powerhouse	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a highly energetic, strong team
qualify	<i>verb</i>	to reach the later stages of a selection process or contest by competing successfully in earlier rounds
in top shape	<i>phrase</i>	in their best condition

serve	<i>verb</i>	hits the ball to start a set of the game
bump	<i>verb</i>	to pass (a volleyball) by redirecting it with the forearms
set	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the action of putting ball in the air so as to be driven to opponents' court
spike	<i>verb</i>	strongly hit the ball to opponents' court using the palm of the hand
anticipate	<i>verb</i>	to foresee and act in advance of
jump serve	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a serve with the ball firstly thrown overhead and then the player jumping to hit it
let serve	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the ball touches the net in a serve but still crosses into the opponents' court

time out	<i>common</i> <i>noun, sin-</i> <i>gular</i>	a pause during a game
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### Supplementary Vocabulary

side out	<i>common</i> <i>noun, sin-</i> <i>gular</i>	when the team that served the ball loses the rally, causing the other team to serve the next point.
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whiff	<i>phrase</i>	a mishit — when a player attempts to hit (or spike) the ball with the open hand and nearly misses the ball
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dig	<i>phrase</i>	the ability to prevent the ball from touching one's court after a spike or attack, particularly a ball that is nearly touching the ground
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coin toss	<i>common</i> <i>noun, sin-</i> <i>gular</i>	is the practice of throwing a coin in the air to resolve a dispute between two parties
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draw

*common*

a contest or game end-

*noun, sin-*

ing in a tie

*gular*