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Level 6 – 12th December, 2022

Morocco advance to World Cup semi-finals

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THE ARTICLE

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Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward to opponents France in their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game away from a historic appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal ignited an outpouring of joy and raucous celebrations throughout Morocco and the Moroccan diaspora across Africa. So momentous was the win that at the final whistle, congratulations from world leaders flooded social media. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is testimony that Africa is rising and we are a force to be reckoned with." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".

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WARM-UPS

1. THE WORLD CUP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the World Cup. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

World Cup / shock / results / defeat / powerhouse / pundits / tournament / flair / opponent / final / win / celebrations / diaspora / congratulations / testimony / Africa

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH: Students A **strongly** believe the world cup is the greatest show on Earth; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SPORTING EVENTS: How great are these sporting events? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Great Things	Not So Great Things
Soccer World Cup		
Summer Olympics		
Winter Olympics		
Formula 1		
Wimbledon		
Tour de France		

5. DEFEAT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "defeat". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FOOTBALL ROLE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best roles at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Coach / Manager
- Goalkeeper
- Defender
- Central defender
- Midfielder
- Winger
- Forward
- Substitute

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. powerhouse | a. An expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give their opinions to the public. |
| 2. soaring | b. A person or thing of great energy or strength. |
| 3. pundit | c. Failed to prevent an opponent scoring a goal or point. |
| 4. conceded | d. Completely remove or get rid of something. |
| 5. eliminated | e. Flying or rising high in the air. |
| 6. grit | f. Stylishness and originality. |
| 7. flair | g. Courage and resolve; strength of character. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. dubbed | h. Aroused or inflamed an emotion or situation. |
| 9. ignited | i. Of great importance or significance, especially in having a bearing on future events. |
| 10. raucous | j. Given an unofficial name or nickname to. |
| 11. diaspora | k. Making a loud noise. |
| 12. momentous | l. Never done or known before. |
| 13. unprecedented | m. The grouping of any people from their original homeland. |
| 14. testimony | n. Evidence or proof of something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says Morocco's win is the biggest World Cup shock so far. **T / F**
2. Morocco is the second African nation ever to reach the semi-finals. **T / F**
3. Morocco let in just one goal in the earlier stages of this tournament. **T / F**
4. The article says Morocco have showed grit and determination. **T / F**
5. The Morocco team is nicknamed the Sahara Lions. **T / F**
6. The Moroccan diaspora celebrated all across Africa. **T / F**
7. Dubai's ruler described Morocco's win as being "unprecedented". **T / F**
8. Somalia's president tweeted that Morocco is rising. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. shock | a. nicknamed |
| 2. defeat | b. let in |
| 3. pundits | c. evidence |
| 4. conceded | d. noisy |
| 5. flair | e. loss |
| 6. dubbed | f. style |
| 7. raucous | g. experts |
| 8. momentous | h. taken into account |
| 9. reckoned with | i. upset |
| 10. testimony | j. significant |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. The 2022 World Cup is continuing to produce | a. in the final |
| 2. soccer | b. is rising |
| 3. They have also conceded | c. grit |
| 4. eliminated former | d. pundits |
| 5. Their performances have been full of | e. an outpouring of joy |
| 6. a historic appearance | f. just one goal |
| 7. Their win against Portugal ignited | g. shock results |
| 8. raucous | h. whistle |
| 9. at the final | i. world champions Spain |
| 10. testimony that Africa | j. celebrations |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

The 2022 World Cup is continuing to produce shock results. The latest is Morocco's (1) _____ of European powerhouse Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's soaring 42nd-minute (2) _____ saw Morocco advance to the semi-finals. In so (3) _____, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many soccer (4) _____ argue the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are only one of three teams to reach the quarter-finals stage (5) _____. They have also (6) _____ just one goal. They defeated one of the pre-tournament favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, and then eliminated (7) _____ World champions Spain in an earlier knockout stage. Their performances have been full of (8) _____, attacking flair and determined defending.

Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward to (9) _____ France in their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game away from a (10) _____ appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal ignited an (11) _____ of joy and raucous celebrations throughout Morocco and the Moroccan (12) _____ across Africa. So momentous was the win that at the final (13) _____, congratulations from world leaders flooded social media. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented (14) _____ for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is testimony that Africa is rising and we are a (15) _____ to be reckoned with." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write (16) _____ for Africa".

header
undefeated
grit
pundits
former
defeat
doing
conceded

victory
outpouring
opponents
history
whistle
force
historic
diaspora

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

- 1) The 2022 World Cup is continuing to _____
 - a. produce shock result
 - b. produce shocks results
 - c. produce shocks result
 - d. produce shock results
- 2) In so doing, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to _____
 - a. the last four
 - b. the lastly four
 - c. the lasts four
 - d. the blast four
- 3) Morocco are only one of three teams to reach the quarter-_____
 - a. finals state undefeated
 - b. finals stage undefeated
 - c. finals sleighs undefeated
 - d. finals suave undefeated
- 4) favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, and then eliminated _____
 - a. firmer world champions
 - b. former worlds champions
 - c. former world champion
 - d. former world champions
- 5) Their performances have been full of _____
 - a. grit, attacking flare
 - b. grit, attacking flair
 - c. grit, attacking flour
 - d. grit, attacking floor
- 6) Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward _____
 - a. two opponents France
 - b. too opponents France
 - c. to opponents France
 - d. tow opponents France
- 7) Their win against Portugal ignited an _____
 - a. out pour in of joy
 - b. out peering of joy
 - c. outpouring of joy
 - d. out pairing of joy
- 8) So momentous was the win that at _____
 - a. the final whistle
 - b. the finals whistle
 - c. the finality whistle
 - d. the finally whistle
- 9) The ruler of Dubai tweeted it was _____
 - a. an unprecedented victory
 - b. an un-presented victory
 - c. an ump press cadet victory
 - d. an un-pressed dented victory
- 10) This is testimony that Africa is rising and we are a force to _____
 - a. be wrecked with
 - b. be reckoned with
 - c. be beckoned with
 - d. be reckoned within

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

The 2022 World Cup is continuing (1) _____ results. The latest is Morocco's defeat of European powerhouse Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's soaring 42nd-minute header saw Morocco (2) _____ semi-finals. In so doing, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many (3) _____ the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are only one of three teams to reach the quarter-finals stage undefeated. They have (4) _____ one goal. They defeated one of the pre-tournament favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, (5) _____ former World champions Spain in an earlier knockout stage. Their performances have been (6) _____, attacking flair and determined defending.

Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look (7) _____ France in their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game away from a (8) _____ the final. Their win against Portugal ignited an outpouring of (9) _____ celebrations throughout Morocco and the Moroccan diaspora across Africa. So momentous was the win that at the final whistle, congratulations from world (10) _____ media. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This (11) _____ Africa is rising and we are a force to (12) _____." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

1. What does the article call Portugal?
2. In what minute was the goal scored?
3. Who said Morocco's victory was not a shock?
4. How many goals had Morocco let in before they played Portugal?
5. What does the article say Morocco did with determination?
6. What's the nickname of the Moroccan national team?
7. Who celebrated Morocco's victory across Africa?
8. When did world leaders tweet about Morocco's victory?
9. Who said Africa is rising?
10. What did Morocco's coach say his team would write?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

- 1) What does the article call Portugal?
 - a) one of the best
 - b) a European powerhouse
 - c) a potent force
 - d) brilliant
- 2) In what minute was the goal scored?
 - a) the 41st minute
 - b) the 43rd minute
 - c) the 44th minute
 - d) the 42nd minute
- 3) Who said Morocco's victory was not a shock?
 - a) the Morocco coach
 - b) Morocco's fans
 - c) soccer pundits
 - d) Morocco's captain
- 4) How many goals had Morocco let in before they played Portugal?
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) three
 - d) four
- 5) What does the article say Morocco did with determination?
 - a) score
 - b) defend
 - c) head
 - d) attack
- 6) What's the nickname of the Moroccan national team?
 - a) the Atlas Lions
 - b) the Sahara Lions
 - c) the Atlas Cheetahs
 - d) the Sahara Cheetahs
- 7) Who celebrated Morocco's victory across Africa?
 - a) French fans
 - b) children
 - c) the Moroccan diaspora
 - d) African players
- 8) When did world leaders tweet about Morocco's victory?
 - a) at the final whistle
 - b) at half time
 - c) an hour after the game
 - d) throughout the game
- 9) Who said Africa is rising?
 - a) Morocco's president
 - b) the head of FIFA
 - c) Dubai's ruler
 - d) Somalia's president
- 10) What did Morocco's coach say his team would write?
 - a) new tactics
 - b) a book
 - c) history for Africa
 - d) a history of Moroccan football

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

Role A – Goalkeeper

You think being a goalkeeper is the best position in football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their positions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): defender, midfielder or forward.

Role B – Defender

You think being a defender is the best position in football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their positions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): goalkeeper, midfielder or forward.

Role C – Midfielder

You think being a midfielder is the best position in football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their positions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): defender, goalkeeper or forward.

Role D – Forward / Attacker

You think being a forward is the best position in football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their positions. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): defender, midfielder or goalkeeper.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'world' and 'cup'.

world	cup
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• continuing• advance• argue• reach• eliminated• grit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• forward• historic• joy• whistle• victory• force
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THE WORLD CUP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the World Cup in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'football'?
3. What do you think of the World Cup?
4. Is the soccer World Cup the greatest show on Earth?
5. What do you think of Morocco being in the semi-finals?
6. Why is the World Cup so popular?
7. What do you think of the World Cup being held in Qatar?
8. Is Morocco's victory against Portugal a shock?
9. What do you think of the 2022 World Cup finals?
10. What advice do you have for the Moroccan players?

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THE WORLD CUP DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Morocco'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's the best game of football you've ever seen?
15. How good at football is your national team?
16. Is the word 'football' or 'soccer' best?
17. What good does football do in the world?
18. Will Morocco write history for Africa?
19. What three adjectives best describe football?
20. What questions would you like to ask Morocco's players?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 2. | (a) saw | (b) looked | (c) watched | (d) viewed |
| 3. | (a) get | (b) propel | (c) motion | (d) parachute |
| 4. | (a) conceded | (b) congealed | (c) concealed | (d) contented |
| 5. | (a) aggregated | (b) eliminated | (c) premeditated | (d) contaminated |
| 6. | (a) shrill | (b) writ | (c) gripe | (d) grit |
| 7. | (a) up | (b) over | (c) away | (d) remove |
| 8. | (a) fired | (b) doused | (c) scorched | (d) ignited |
| 9. | (a) momentous | (b) momentary | (c) momentum | (d) moment |
| 10. | (a) protractor | (b) ruler | (c) compass | (d) set square |
| 11. | (a) do | (b) be | (c) have | (d) take |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) for | (d) at |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Morocco's eefdat of European powerhouse Portugal
2. soccer itdupns
3. reach the quarter-finals stage audednfeet
4. They have also ececnodd just one goal
5. eiltnidmea former world champions
6. attacking arfil

Paragraph 2

7. bebdud the Atlas Lions
8. a historic peecapanar in the final
9. rsacuuo celebrations
10. the Moroccan odrpaisa across Africa
11. an rentncdeeeupd victory
12. This is tymeisont that Africa is rising

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () raucous celebrations throughout Morocco and the Moroccan diaspora across Africa. So momentous
- () of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is
- () argue the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are only one of three teams to reach this
- () away from a historic appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal ignited an outpouring of joy and
- () testimony that Africa is rising and we are a force to be reckoned
- () with." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".
- (**1**) The 2022 World Cup is continuing to produce shock results. The latest is Morocco's defeat of European
- () doing, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many soccer pundits
- () favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, and then eliminated former World champions Spain in an earlier
- () stage undefeated. They have also conceded just one goal. They defeated one of the pre-tournament
- () powerhouse Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's soaring 42nd-minute header saw Morocco advance to the semi-finals. In so
- () was the win that at the final whistle, congratulations from world leaders flooded social media. The ruler
- () knockout stage. Their performances have been full of grit, attacking flair and determined defending.
- () Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward to opponents France in their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

1.The results . continuing World Cup is produce to shock

2.teams lost . three have to not One of

3.one goal . also They conceded have just

4.champions Spain . world former eliminated then They

5.grit . have performances Their full been of

6.a from game one They're appearance . historic away

7.win of joy . Their ignited an outpouring

8.world media . leaders from social Congratulations flooded

9.Arab It victory unprecedented an was football . for

10.is that African This football testimony rising . is

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

The 2022 World Cup is *continuing* / *continuance* to produce shock results. The latest is Morocco's defeat of European *powerful* / *powerhouse* Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's soaring 42nd-minute header saw Morocco advance to the semi-finals. In *so* / *such* doing, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to the last *fours* / *four*. Many soccer *pundits* / *bandits* argue the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are only one of three teams to reach this *dais* / *stage* undefeated. They have also *conceded* / *conceaed* just one goal. They defeated one of the pre-tournament favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, and then *eliminated* / *extricated* former World champions Spain *in* / *by* an earlier knockout stage. Their performances have been full of *gripe* / *grit*, attacking flair and determined defending.

Dubbed / *Snubbed* the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward to opponents France *in* / *on* their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game away from a *historian* / *historic* appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal *exploded* / *ignited* an outpouring of joy and raucous celebrations *throughout* / *thorough* Morocco and the Moroccan diaspora across Africa. So momentous *be* / *was* the win that at the final whistle, congratulations from world leaders *flooded* / *seeped* social media. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was *an* / *all* unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is testimony *that* / *what* Africa is rising and we are a force to *do* / *be* reckoned with." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ 2022 W_rld C_p _s c_nt_n__ng t_ pr_d_c_ sh_ck
r_s_lts. Th_ l_t_st _s M_r_cc_'s d_f__t _f __r_p__n
p_w_rh__s_ P_rtg_l. Y__ss_f _n N_syr_'s s__r_ng
42nd-m_n_t_ h__d_r s_w M_r_cc_ _dv_nc_ t_ th_ s_m_-
f_n_ls. _n s_ d__ng, th_y b_c_m_ th_ f_rst _fr_c_n _r
_r_b n_t__n t_ g_t t_ th_ l_st f__r. M_ny s_cc_r
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M_r_cc_ _r_ _nly _n_ _f thr__ t__ms t_ r__ch th_
q__rt_r-f_n_ls st_g _nd_f__t_d. Th_y h_v_ _ls_
c_nc_d_d j_st _n_ g__l. Th_y d_f__t_d _n_ _f th_ pr_-
t__rn_m_nt f_v__r_t_s, B_lg__m, _t th_ gr__p st_g_,
_nd th_n _l_m_n_t_d f_r_m_r W_rld ch_mp__ns Sp__n _n
_n __rl__r kn_ck__t st_g_. Th__r p_rf_r_m_nc_s h_v_
b__n f_ll _f gr_t, _tt_ck_ng fl__r _nd d_t_r_m_n_d
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"wr_t_ h_st_ry f_r _fr_c_".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221212-morocco-world-cup.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The 2022 World Cup is continuing to produce shock results. The latest is Morocco's defeat of European powerhouse Portugal. Youssef En-Nesyri's soaring 42nd-minute header saw Morocco advance to the semi-finals. In so doing, they become the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many soccer pundits argue the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are only one of three teams to reach the quarter-finals stage undefeated. They have also conceded just one goal. They defeated one of the pre-tournament favourites, Belgium, at the group stage, and then eliminated former World champions Spain in an earlier knockout stage. Their performances have been full of grit, attacking flair and determined defending. Dubbed the Atlas Lions, Morocco look forward to opponents France in their semi-final on December the 14th. They are one game away from a historic appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal ignited an outpouring of joy and raucous celebration throughout Morocco and the Moroccan diaspora across Africa. So momentous was the win that at the final whistle, congratulations from world leaders flooded social media. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is testimony that Africa is rising and we are a force to be reckoned with." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE WORLD CUP: Make a poster about the World Cup. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EVERY TWO YEARS: Write a magazine article about the staging the World Cup every two years. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the World Cup. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. e	3. g	4. b	5. f
6. a	7. d	8. j	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A European powerhouse
2. The 42nd minute
3. Soccer pundits
4. One
5. Defend
6. The Atlas Lions
7. The Moroccan diaspora
8. At the final whistle
9. Somalia's president
10. History for Africa

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The World Cup is continuing to produce shock results.
2. One of three teams not to have lost.
3. They have also conceded just one goal.
4. They then eliminated former world champions Spain.
5. Their performances have been full of grit.
6. They're one game away from a historic appearance.
7. Their win ignited an outpouring of joy.
8. Congratulations from world leaders flooded social media.
9. It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football.
10. This is testimony that African football is rising.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)