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**Level 3 – 17th July, 2018**

## France win 2018 FIFA World Cup final

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

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Croatia dominated the game early on and frequently threatened to score first. However, France got a free kick after 18 minutes on the edge of Croatia's penalty area. The kick was deflected in for an own goal by the Croatian forward Mario Mandzukic. Croatia deservedly equalized with a beautiful piece of control and a quality shot from Ivan Perisic. France restored its lead from the penalty spot after the referee reviewed video evidence of a handball, which many pundits say was not handball. Two shots from outside Croatia's penalty area from Paul Pogba and Mbappe extended France's lead. An error from France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute gave Croatia hope, but France held on for victory.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. 2018 WORLD CUP:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about 2018 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?

France / Croatia / Moscow / successful / tournament / success / controversial / talent / score / free kick / own goal / penalty / handball / shots / goalkeeper / lead / victory

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

**3. WORLD CUP:** Students A **strongly** believe the World Cup is the greatest sporting event on Earth; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. FOOTBALL:** How could we make football more exciting? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Suggestions	Why?	Would FIFA introduce it?	Why (not)?
Game length				
Offside				
Red cards				
Penalties				
Goal size				
Draws				

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

**6. SOCCER:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about soccer at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Saturday afternoons
- rivalries
- the skill
- the passion
- goals
- penalties
- the fans
- the World Cup

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1. thrilling     | a. Very much; to a great extent.  |
| 2. hugely        | b. Amazingly good.  |
| 3. tournament    | c. When a large number of people enter or try to take over a place.                         |
| 4. spectacle     | d. Having lots of public disagreement.  |
| 5. controversial | e. An amazing thing or performance to see.  |
| 6. invasion      | f. Very, very, very exciting.   |
| 7. outstanding   | g. A numbers of contests between a number of competitors, who compete for an overall prize. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. dominated   | h. Made longer.   |
| 9. frequently  | i. Experts in a particular subject or field who is asked to give opinions about it to the public. |
| 10. deservedly | j. Became level.  |
| 11. equalized  | k. Had a lot of control over someone or something.  |
| 12. pundits    | l. A mistake.   |
| 13. extended   | m. Regularly or habitually; often.  |
| 14. error      | n. In a way that means people get what they worked for or for what is fair.                       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

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

- a. The article said the World Cup final wasn't so thrilling. **T / F**
- b. Four men have now won the World Cup as coach and player. **T / F**
- c. The French goalkeeper howled during the match. **T / F**
- d. Billions of people watched the final all over the world. **T / F**
- e. The article said it looked like Croatia might be the first to score. **T / F**
- f. It took France 18 minutes to take a free kick. **T / F**
- g. Experts suggested a handball for a penalty wasn't a handball. **T / F**
- h. A goalkeeping mistake led to Croatia's second goal. **T / F**

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

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. beat</b>        | a. controlled |
| <b>2. hugely</b>      | b. show       |
| <b>3. success</b>     | c. excellent  |
| <b>4. spectacle</b>   | d. experts    |
| <b>5. outstanding</b> | e. defeated   |
| <b>6. dominated</b>   | f. increased  |
| <b>7. edge</b>        | g. triumph    |
| <b>8. pundits</b>     | h. border     |
| <b>9. extended</b>    | i. mistake    |
| <b>10. error</b>      | j. enormously |

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

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. a thrilling and high-scoring end to a | a. as a player and coach        |
| 2. France's victory came 20 years after  | b. early on                     |
| 3. the third man to win the competition  | c. of a handball                |
| 4. controversial refereeing              | d. their very first success     |
| 5. a team full of outstanding            | e. Croatia's penalty area       |
| 6. Croatia dominated the game            | f. its lead                     |
| 7. on the edge of                        | g. hugely successful tournament |
| 8. France restored                       | h. on for victory               |
| 9. the referee reviewed video evidence   | i. decisions                    |
| 10. France held                          | j. talent                       |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

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*victory*

*talent*

*third*

*explosive*

*pitch*

*thrilling*

*imposed*

*true*

Croatia dominated the game (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on and frequently threatened to score first. However, France got a free kick after 18 minutes on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of Croatia's penalty area. The kick was deflected in for an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ goal by the Croatian forward Mario Mandzukic. Croatia deservedly (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with a beautiful piece of control and a quality shot from Ivan Perisic. France restored its lead from the penalty spot after the referee reviewed video (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of a handball, which many pundits say was not handball. Two shots from (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Croatia's penalty area from Paul Pogba and Mbappe extended France's lead. An (13) \_\_\_\_\_ from France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute gave Croatia (14) \_\_\_\_\_, but France held on for victory.

*own*

*early*

*error*

*evidence*

*hope*

*edge*

*equalized*

*outside*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

- 1) a thrilling and high-scoring end to a \_\_\_\_\_ tournament
  - a. huge successful
  - b. hugely unsuccessful
  - c. hugely successfully
  - d. hugely successful
- 2) France's victory came 20 years after their very first \_\_\_\_\_ 1998
  - a. success in
  - b. success on
  - c. succeeds in
  - d. succeeds on
- 3) Deschamps became only the third man to win the competition \_\_\_\_\_ and coach
  - a. was a player
  - b. is a player
  - c. as a player
  - d. has a player
- 4) controversial refereeing decisions, an own goal, a \_\_\_\_\_, and a goalkeeping howler
  - a. pitched invasion
  - b. pitching vision
  - c. patching vision
  - d. pitch invasion
- 5) France slowly imposed their quality on the game with a team full of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out stand on talent
  - b. out stand in talent
  - c. outstanding talent
  - d. outstand in talent
- 6) Croatia dominated the game early on and frequently threatened \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. two score first
  - b. to score first
  - c. too score first
  - d. through score first
- 7) Croatia deservedly equalized with a beautiful piece of control and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a quality shoot
  - b. a qualities shot
  - c. a qualify shoot
  - d. a quality shot
- 8) France restored its lead from the penalty spot after the referee reviewed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. videos evidence
  - b. video evident
  - c. video evidently
  - d. video evidence
- 9) shots from outside Croatia's penalty area from Paul Pogba and Mbappe \_\_\_\_\_ lead
  - a. extended France's
  - b. extending France's
  - c. extension France's
  - d. extend it France's
- 10) France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute gave Croatia hope, but \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. France holding
  - b. France held on
  - c. France held in
  - d. France holding on

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

1. How successful did the article say the tournament was?
2. How many men have now won the World Cup as player and coach?
3. What kind of refereeing decisions did the article say were made?
4. How many people watched the World Cup final?
5. What adjective did the article use in describing Kylian Mbappe?
6. When did France score the first goal?
7. From where did France retake the lead?
8. What did the referee review to make a decision about a handball?
9. Who said the handball was not a handball?
10. In what minute did Croatia score their second goal?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

- 1) How successful did the article say the tournament was?
  - a) very
  - b) slightly
  - c) hugely
  - d) minutely
- 2) How many men have now won the World Cup as player and coach?
  - a) 3
  - b) 1
  - c) 2
  - d) 4
- 3) What kind of refereeing decisions did the article say were made?
  - a) normal ones
  - b) straightforward
  - c) easy
  - d) controversial
- 4) How many people watched the World Cup final?
  - a) millions
  - b) billions
  - c) hundreds of thousands
  - d) 283,000,000
- 5) What adjective did the article use in describing Kylian Mbappe?
  - a) dynamite
  - b) quick
  - c) explosive
  - d) fast
- 6) When did France score the first goal?
  - a) in the 28th minute
  - b) in the 18th minute
  - c) in the 13th minute
  - d) in the 15th minute
- 7) From where did France retake the lead?
  - a) the edge of the penalty box
  - b) the corner spot
  - c) the centre spot
  - d) the penalty spot
- 8) What did the referee review to make a decision about a handball?
  - a) the rule book
  - b) video evidence
  - c) FIFA
  - d) a soccer website
- 9) Who said the handball was not a handball?
  - a) pundits
  - b) the assistant referee
  - c) fans
  - d) France's number ten
- 10) In what minute did Croatia score their second goal?
  - a) in the 66th minute
  - b) in the 67th minute
  - c) in the 68th minute
  - d) in the 69th minute

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

## **Role A – Rivalries**

You think rivalries is the best thing about football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): passion, penalties or World Cup.

## **Role B – Passion**

You think passion is the best thing about football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): rivalries, penalties or World Cup.

## **Role C – Penalties**

You think penalties is the best thing about football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): passion, rivalries or World Cup.

## **Role D – The World Cup**

You think the World Cup is the best thing about football. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): passion, penalties or rivalries.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

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

<b>world</b>	<b>cup</b>
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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"><li>• beat</li><li>• hugely</li><li>• first</li><li>• own</li><li>• watched</li><li>• next</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• early</li><li>• edge</li><li>• piece</li><li>• spot</li><li>• video</li><li>• error</li></ul>
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# 2018 WORLD CUP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 2018 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.

# 2018 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. How has this World Cup compared to others?
5. What was the best moment of this World Cup?
6. What was the worst moment of this World Cup?
7. What do you think of the refereeing decisions using video replays?
8. Who is the best player in the world, and why?
9. How good is the World Cup for the world?
10. How good was this World Cup for Russia?

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# 2018 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 term 'World Cup'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Is football the greatest game in the world?
15. Is the World Cup the greatest sporting event in the world?
16. How would it feel to score an own goal?
17. How would it feel to take a penalty?
18. How would it feel to be on the losing side?
19. What do you think the Qatar 2022 World Cup will be like?
20. What questions would you like to ask one of the French team?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

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

- |     |                  |                |              |                  |
|-----|------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) at           | (b) of         | (c) of       | (d) on           |
| 2.  | (a) thrilling    | (b) thrills    | (c) thrill   | (d) thrilled     |
| 3.  | (a) success      | (b) successful | (c) succeed  | (d) successfully |
| 4.  | (a) spectacle    | (b) receptacle | (c) obstacle | (d) respectable  |
| 5.  | (a) patch        | (b) pitch      | (c) batch    | (d) bitch        |
| 6.  | (a) astoundingly | (b) outings    | (c) standard | (d) outstanding  |
| 7.  | (a) in           | (b) up         | (c) on       | (d) off          |
| 8.  | (a) verge        | (b) limit      | (c) crest    | (d) edge         |
| 9.  | (a) own          | (b) down       | (c) owe      | (d) only         |
| 10. | (a) then         | (b) after      | (c) so       | (d) forward      |
| 11. | (a) offside      | (b) outside    | (c) onside   | (d) backside     |
| 12. | (a) in           | (b) to         | (c) on       | (d) at           |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. a ihitllrgn and high-scoring end
2. a lgheuy successful tournament
3. iqauytl football
4. a pitch vinnaois
5. a team full of iudntgaonst talent
6. the velxsioep 19-year-old forward

## Paragraph 2

7. Croatia tadndoiem the game
8. Croatia's etnplay area
9. a beautiful piece of ontclor
10. referee reviewed video eeevincd
11. Mbappe enedtdx France's lead
12. France held on for rtcivyo

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) evidence of a handball, which many pundits say was not handball. Two shots from
- ( ) from France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute gave Croatia hope, but France held on for victory.
- ( ) kick after 18 minutes on the edge of Croatia's penalty area. The kick was deflected in for an own
- ( **1** ) France beat Croatia 4-2 in the final of the FIFA World Cup in Moscow on Sunday night. It was a thrilling
- ( ) success in 1998. French coach Didier Deschamps became only the third man to win the
- ( ) world watched as France slowly imposed their quality on the game with a team full of outstanding
- ( ) decisions, an own goal, a pitch invasion, and a goalkeeping howler. Billions of people around the
- ( ) and high-scoring end to a hugely successful tournament. France's victory came 20 years after their very first
- ( ) of control and a quality shot from Ivan Perisic. France restored its lead from the penalty spot after the referee reviewed video
- ( ) outside Croatia's penalty area from Paul Pogba and Mbappe extended France's lead. An error
- ( ) competition as a player and coach. The final was a true spectacle that had quality football, controversial refereeing
- ( ) Croatia dominated the game early on and frequently threatened to score first. However, France got a free
- ( ) talent, which included the next global superstar - the explosive 19-year-old forward Kylian Mbappe.
- ( ) goal by the Croatian forward Mario Mandzukic. Croatia deservedly equalized with a beautiful piece

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

1. to hugely A high-scoring a end tournament . successful
2. years Victory came after 20 success . first their
3. spectacle true that quality football . had A
4. Billions the people watched . of around world
5. quality slowly France the imposed on game . their
6. 18 free minutes . got France after kick a
7. a of control . Croatia equalized beautiful with piece
8. penalty spot . the lead from restored France its
9. reviewed referee handball . video The of evidence a
10. Two from Croatia's area . shots penalty outside

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180717-2018-world-cup.html>

France beat Croatia 4-2 in the *final / finality* of the FIFA World Cup in Moscow on Sunday night. It was a *thrill / thrilling* and high-scoring end to a hugely successful tournament. France's *victory / victor* came 20 years after their very first *success / successful* in 1998. French coach Didier Deschamps became only the third man to *winner / win* the competition as a player and coach. The final was a true spectacle that had *quality / qualify* football, controversial refereeing decisions, an *owe / own* goal, a pitch invasion, and a goalkeeping howler. Billions of people around the world watched *was / as* France slowly imposed their quality on the game with a team *fully / full* of outstanding talent, which included the next global superstar - the explosive 19-year-old *forwards / forward* Kylian Mbappe.

Croatia *domination / dominated* the game early on and frequently threatened to score first. However, France got a *freed / free* kick after 18 minutes on the *edge / edgy* of Croatia's penalty area. The kick was *deflection / deflected* in for an own goal by the Croatian forward Mario Mandzukic. Croatia deservedly *equalized / equality* with a beautiful piece of control and a quality shot from Ivan Perisic. France restored its *leading / lead* from the penalty spot after the referee reviewed video evidence of a handball, which *many / much* pundits say was not handball. Two shots from *outside / outer* Croatia's penalty area from Paul Pogba and Mbappe extended France's lead. An *erroneous / error* from France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute gave Croatia hope, but France held on *for / from* victory.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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F r\_n c\_ b\_\_ t C r\_\_ t\_\_ 4 - 2 \_n th\_ f\_n\_l \_f th\_ F I F A W\_r l\_d C\_p \_n M\_s c\_w \_n S\_n d\_y n\_g h\_t . It w\_s \_ th\_r\_l\_l\_n g \_n d h\_g h - s\_c\_r\_n g \_n d t\_ \_ h\_g\_l\_y s\_c\_c\_s\_s\_f\_l t\_\_ r\_n\_m\_n\_t . F r\_n c\_'s v\_c t\_r\_y c\_m\_ 2 0 y\_\_ r\_s \_f\_t\_r th\_\_ r v\_r\_y f\_r\_s\_t s\_c\_c\_s\_s \_n 1 9 9 8 . F r\_n c\_h c\_\_ c\_h D\_d\_\_ r D\_s c\_h\_m\_p\_s b\_c\_m\_ \_n\_l\_y th\_ th\_r\_d m\_n t\_ w\_n t h\_ c\_m\_p\_t\_t\_\_ n \_s \_ p\_l\_y\_r \_n d c\_\_ c\_h . Th\_ f\_n\_l w\_s \_ t\_r\_\_ s\_p\_c\_t\_c\_l\_ th\_t h\_d q\_\_ l\_t\_y f\_\_ t\_b\_l\_l , c\_n\_t\_r\_v\_r\_s\_\_ l\_r\_f\_r\_\_n\_g d\_c\_s\_\_ n\_s , \_n \_w\_n g\_\_ l , \_ p\_t\_c\_h \_n\_v\_s\_\_ n , \_n d \_ g\_\_ l k\_\_ p\_n\_g h\_w\_l\_r . B\_l\_l\_\_ n\_s \_f p\_\_ p\_l\_ \_r\_\_ n d t h\_ w\_r\_l\_d w\_t\_c\_h\_d \_s F r\_n c\_ s\_l\_w\_l\_y \_m\_p\_s\_d t h\_\_ r q\_\_ l\_t\_y \_n th\_ g\_m\_ w\_t\_h \_ t\_\_ m\_f\_l\_l \_f \_\_ t\_s\_t\_n\_d\_n\_g t\_l\_n\_t , w\_h\_c\_h \_n\_c\_l\_d\_d th\_ n\_x\_t g\_l\_b\_l s\_p\_r\_s\_t\_r - th\_ \_x\_p\_l\_s\_v\_ 1 9 - y\_\_ r - l\_d f\_r\_w\_r\_d K\_y\_l\_\_ n M\_b\_p\_p\_ .

C r\_\_ t\_\_ d\_m\_n\_t\_d th\_ g\_m\_ \_\_ r\_l\_y \_n \_n d f r\_q\_\_ n\_t\_l\_y th\_r\_\_ t\_n\_d t\_ s\_c\_r\_ f\_r\_s\_t . H\_w\_v\_r , F r\_n c\_ g\_t \_ f\_r\_\_ k\_c\_k \_f\_t\_r 1 8 m\_n\_t\_s \_n th\_ \_d\_g\_ \_f C r\_\_ t\_\_ 's p\_n\_l\_t\_y \_r\_\_ . Th\_ k\_c\_k w\_s d\_f\_l\_c\_t\_d \_n f\_r \_n \_w\_n g\_\_ l b\_y th\_ C r\_\_ t\_\_ n f\_r\_w\_r\_d M\_r\_\_ M\_n\_d\_z\_k\_c . C r\_\_ t\_\_ d\_s\_r\_v\_d\_l\_y \_q\_\_ l\_z\_d w\_t\_h \_ b\_\_t\_f\_l p\_\_ c\_ \_f c\_n\_t\_r\_l \_n d \_ q\_\_ l\_t\_y s\_h\_t f\_r\_m I\_v\_n P\_r\_s\_c . F r\_n c\_ r\_s\_t\_r\_d \_t\_s l\_\_ d f\_r\_m th\_ p\_n\_l\_t\_y s p\_t \_f\_t\_r th\_ r\_f\_r\_\_ r\_v\_\_ w\_d v\_d\_\_ \_v\_d\_n\_c\_ \_f \_ h\_n\_d\_b\_l\_l , w\_h\_c\_h m\_n\_y p\_n\_d\_t\_s s\_y w\_s n\_t h\_n\_d\_b\_l\_l . T\_w\_ s\_h\_t\_s f\_r\_m \_\_ t\_s\_d\_ C r\_\_ t\_\_ 's p\_n\_l\_t\_y \_r\_\_ f\_r\_m P\_\_ l P\_g\_b\_ \_n d M\_b\_p\_p\_ \_x\_t\_n\_d\_d F r\_n c\_'s l\_\_ d . A\_n \_r\_r\_r\_ f\_r\_m F r\_n c\_ g\_\_ l k\_\_ p\_r H\_g\_ L\_l\_r\_s \_n th\_ 6 9 t\_h m\_n\_t\_ g\_v\_ C r\_\_ t\_\_ h\_p\_ , b\_t F r\_n c\_ h\_l\_d \_n f\_r v\_c\_t\_r\_y .

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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The World Cup is the greatest event in the world. Discuss.

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# 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. 2018 WORLD CUP:** Make a poster about the 2018 World Cup. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FOOTBALL (SOCCER):** Write a magazine article about football being the greatest game in the world. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who do not.

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 2018 World Cup. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the 2018 World Cup. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. beat        | a. defeated   |
| 2. hugely      | b. enormously |
| 3. success     | c. triumph    |
| 4. spectacle   | d. show       |
| 5. outstanding | e. excellent  |
| 6. dominated   | f. controlled |
| 7. edge        | g. border     |
| 8. pundits     | h. experts    |
| 9. extended    | i. increased  |
| 10. error      | j. mistake    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Hugely successful
2. Three
3. Controversial
4. Billions
5. Explosive
6. After 18 minutes
7. The penalty spot
8. Video evidence
9. Pundits
10. The 69th minute

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A high-scoring end to a hugely successful tournament.
2. Victory came 20 years after their first success.
3. A true spectacle that had quality football.
4. Billions of people around the world watched.
5. France slowly imposed their quality on the game.
6. France got a free kick after 18 minutes.
7. Croatia equalized with a beautiful piece of control.
8. France restored its lead from the penalty spot.
9. The referee reviewed video evidence of a handball.
10. Two shots from outside Croatia's penalty area.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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