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Level 4 – 12th December, 2022

Morocco advance to World Cup semi-finals

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The 2022 World Cup continues to produce shocks. The latest is Morocco's win over Portugal. Their 1-0 win means Morocco are the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many experts argue the victory was not a shock. Morocco are one of three teams to reach the quarter-finals unbeaten. They let in just one goal. They beat a pre-tournament favourite Belgium and former world champions Spain. Their performances have been full of grit.

Morocco are dubbed the Atlas Lions. They now play France in a semi-final for a possible historic appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal brought joy and celebration throughout Morocco. At the final whistle, world leaders flooded social media with congratulations. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an unprecedented victory for Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This is testimony that Africa is rising."

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/12/10/recap-morocco-vs-portugal-world-cup>
<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/NaN/NaN/352936/moroccos-historic-world-cup-run-continues-after-1-0-win-over-portugal>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The 2022 World Cup continues to | a. of three teams |
| 2. get to the | b. full of grit |
| 3. experts argue the victory | c. unbeaten |
| 4. Morocco are one | d. last four |
| 5. reach the quarter-finals | e. champions Spain |
| 6. They let in just | f. produce shocks |
| 7. former world | g. one goal |
| 8. Their performances have been | h. was not a shock |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Morocco are dubbed | a. congratulations |
| 2. Their win against Portugal | b. for Arab football |
| 3. celebrations throughout | c. brought joy |
| 4. At the final | d. is rising |
| 5. flooded social media with | e. the Atlas Lions |
| 6. The ruler of | f. whistle |
| 7. an unprecedented victory | g. Morocco |
| 8. This is testimony that Africa | h. Dubai tweeted |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The 2022 World Cup (1) _____ shocks. The latest is Morocco's win over Portugal. Their 1-0 win means Morocco are the first African or Arab nation to get to (2) _____. Many experts argue the victory was not a shock. Morocco (3) _____ three teams to reach the quarter-finals unbeaten. They let in (4) _____. They beat a pre-tournament favourite Belgium (5) _____ champions Spain. Their performances have been (6) _____.

Morocco (7) _____ Atlas Lions. They now play France in a semi-final (8) _____ historic appearance in the final. Their win against Portugal brought (9) _____ throughout Morocco. At (10) _____, world leaders flooded social media with congratulations. The ruler of Dubai tweeted: "It was an (11) _____ Arab football." Somalia's president tweeted: "This (12) _____ Africa is rising."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The2022WorldCupcontinuestoproduceshocks.ThelatestisMorocco's winoverPortugal.Their1-0winmeansMoroccoarethefirstAfricanorArabnationtogettothelastfour.Manyexpertsarguethetvictorywasnotashock.Moroccoareoneofthreeteamstoreachthequarter-finalsunbeaten.Theyletinjustonegoal.Theybeatapre-tournamentfavouriteBelgiumandformerworldchampionsSpain.Theirperformanceshavebeenfull ofgrit.MoroccoaredubbedtheAtlasLions.TheynowplayFranceinasemi-finalforapossiblehistoricappearanceinthefinal.TheirwinagainstPortugalbroughtjoyandcelebrationsthroughoutMorocco.Atthefinalwhistle,worldleadersfloodedsocialmediawithcongratulations.The ruler ofDubaitweeted:"ItwasanunprecedentedvictoryforArabfootball."Somalia'spresidenttweeted:"ThisistestimonythatAfricaisrising."

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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the World Cup** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
