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Level 5 – 12th December, 2022

Morocco advance to World Cup semi-finals

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The 2022 World Cup continues to produce shock results. The latest is Morocco's win over Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's 42nd-minute header saw Morocco advance to the semi-finals. They are the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many experts argue the 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are one of three teams to reach the quarter-finals undefeated. They let in just one goal. They beat a pre-tournament favourite, Belgium, at the group stage, and then saw off former world champions Spain in a knockout stage. Their performances have been full of grit and determined defending.

Morocco are dubbed the Atlas Lions. They now play France in a semi-final next week. They are a game away from a historic appearance in the final. Their momentous win against Portugal led to an outpouring of joy and celebrations throughout Morocco. 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." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "write history for Africa".

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/12/10/recap-morocco-vs-portugal-world-cup>
<https://www.morocoworldnews.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. undefeated |
| 2. get to | b. defending |
| 3. the 1-0 result | c. the last four |
| 4. reach the quarter-finals | d. been full of grit |
| 5. They beat a pre-tournament | e. produce shock results |
| 6. in a knockout | f. was not a shock |
| 7. Their performances have | g. stage |
| 8. determined | h. favourite |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a historic appearance | a. Arab football |
| 2. led to an outpouring | b. throughout Morocco |
| 3. celebrations | c. for Africa |
| 4. At the final | d. in the final |
| 5. world leaders | e. is rising |
| 6. an unprecedented victory for | f. whistle |
| 7. This is testimony that Africa | g. flooded social media |
| 8. write history | h. of joy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The 2022 World Cup (1) _____ shock results. The latest is Morocco's win over Portugal. Youssef En Nesyri's 42nd- (2) _____ Morocco advance to the semi-finals. They are the first African or Arab nation to get to the last four. Many (3) _____ 1-0 result was not a shock. Morocco are one of three teams to (4) _____ undefeated. They let in just one goal. They beat a pre-tournament favourite, Belgium, at the group stage, and then (5) _____ world champions Spain in a knockout stage. Their performances have been (6) _____ and determined defending.

Morocco (7) _____ Atlas Lions. They now play France in a semi-final next week. They are (8) _____ from a historic appearance in the final. Their momentous win against Portugal led to an (9) _____ and celebrations throughout Morocco. At (10) _____, congratulations from world (11) _____ 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." Morocco coach Walid Regragui said his team would, "(12) _____ Africa".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

