

Qatar 2022



1) Discussion

- a) What are some of the best international matches you have seen?
Can you think of any involving your country?
 - b) Can you think of any great World Cup matches?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Culmination (noun) | a) Causing extreme anxiety, stress, or tension. |
| 2) Backbone (noun) | b) A state of intense excitement, activity, or emotion. |
| 3) To Team with (verb) | c) Used to describe a large number or quantity of something present in a particular place. |
| 4) Relentless (adjective) | d) The highest point or climax of something; the conclusion or final event of a series of actions or events. |
| 5) To Spur (verb) | e) To encourage, stimulate, or incite someone or something to take action or move forward. |
| 6) Fever pitch (noun) | f) The central or most important support element of something. |
| 7) Nerve-racking (adjective) | g) Persistent, continuous; often describing something that doesn't stop or give up easily. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Culmination

Backbone

To Team with

Relentless

To Spur

Fever-pitch

Nerve-wracking

- 1) The final was a _____ of all the hard work the team had put in that season.
- 2) During the match, the stadium _____ with excited fans, creating an electrifying atmosphere that spurred the players on to victory.
- 3) Despite facing numerous setbacks, the team's _____ determination to win pushed them through adversity and secured a crucial victory.
- 4) Having a strong _____ is essential to any team's success.
- 5) With the score at 1-1 going into the final minutes, the atmosphere in the stadium reached _____.
- 6) During his time at Chelsea, Didier Dogba often _____ the team to victory, especially in the 2012 Champions League campaign.
- 7) The penalty shootout proved to be a _____ experience for both teams.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) Who missed in the penalty shootout for France?
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The 2022 World Cup Final

In a breathtaking culmination to the FIFA World Cup 2022, the final match between Argentina and France left fans on the edge of their seats. The clash, held at the iconic Lusail Stadium in Qatar, showcased the culmination of weeks of intense competition, and it didn't disappoint.

Leading up to the final, both teams exhibited remarkable form. Argentina, led by their talismanic captain Lionel Messi, had been a force to reckon with throughout the tournament. With a blend of experienced veterans and emerging talents, Argentina's attacking prowess was undeniable, while their defensive solidity provided a formidable backbone.

France, the reigning champions, entered the final with confidence, boasting a squad teeming with world-class talent. Spearheaded by the electrifying Kylian Mbappé, Les Bleus had overcome formidable opponents on their path to the final. Their blend of skill, speed, and tactical acumen made them a formidable opponent for any team.

The first half of the final saw Argentina dominate proceedings, with Messi orchestrating the midfield and creating numerous opportunities for his teammates. Their relentless pressure paid off when they took the lead through a Messi penalty before a clinical finish from Angel Di Maria made it 2-0 going into half time.

However, the resilient French side fought back in the second half, spurred on by Mbappé's brilliance. The young striker netted a sensational equaliser after 81 minutes, igniting hopes of a famous comeback win.



As the match entered extra time, the intensity reached fever pitch. Argentina seized the initiative, with Messi scoring after 108 minutes. But France refused to capitulate, clawing their way back with a late goal in the dying moments of the match through a Mbappé penalty, completing his hat-trick and becoming the first player since Geoff Hurst in 1966 to score a World Cup final hat-trick.

In a heart-stopping finale, France had a chance to seal victory in the final minute, only for Kolo Muani to have his shot saved by Emiliano Martínez. The match culminated in a nerve-wracking penalty shootout, where both teams showcased nerves of steel.

Ultimately, it was Argentina who emerged triumphant, edging past France in a dramatic shootout. Despite their valiant efforts, France fell short, with Kingsley Coman and Aurélien Djani Tchouamén missing two penalties. Gonzalo Montiel finally sealed victory for Argentina after one of the best finals ever witnessed.

4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on the 2022 World Cup final?
- b) Who did you want to win, Argentina or France? Why?
- c) Do you think the final secured Lionel Messi's legacy as the greatest player ever?
- d) Can you think of any other amazing World Cup finals?

