

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

I will remember that day for the rest of my life.

The day I had so patiently been waiting for had finally come. It was the World Cup final and the match was between France and Argentina. I supported Argentina as I wanted Lionel Messi, the greatest player of all time, to finally win the World Cup. Messi had won multiple of the greatest football trophies, the only one left was the World Cup trophy.

The whistle ~~to~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ blown and the match begun. Argentina start the game well and score <sup>two</sup> (2) goals in the first half. ~~to~~ ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~friends~~ ~~was~~ ~~is~~ In the second half France start dominating the match. ~~on~~ ~~the~~ Outside, I was confident Argentina would win, (inside I was a bit doubtful). The more they attacked, the more the doubt grew. France were awarded a penalty. Holding my breath, I watched as Kylian Mbappe stepped up to take it. The referee blew the whistle and he scored the penalty. Immediately France go on the attack again and out of nowhere Mbappe scores a remarkable volley. Frustrated, I picked up the remote and threw it at the TV.

I was nervous. I was annoyed. I was dissatisfied.

The match goes to extra time and Argentina have a wonderful chance, but they fail to score. My hands were shaking and my legs were trembling. Seconds later, Messi scores and gives me hope again. However, with only a few minutes left France are awarded with another penalty and Mbappe scores to complete his hat-trick. It was then time for penalties.

Messi and Mbappe are the first to take the penalty, and as expected, they both kick the ball in the back of the net. Argentina score the next two as well, but France don't. If Argentina score the next penalty, the World Cup trophy is theirs. I could only imagine how much pressure there would be on the player's shoulders.

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The player steps up and scores the penalty to make Argentina the World Cup champions. Messi began to celebrate like the happiest man alive, ever elated, ever joyful, ever excited. With the rest of the team, Messi lifted the World Cup trophy. He had completed football.

Narrative Checklist	Done?
Verb person sentence	✓
Emotion word comma sentence	✓
BOYS sentence	✓
Simile 3ever sentence	✓
The more, the more	✓
Outside, (inside)	✓
Show don't tell	✓
Anaphora	✓
Detail – vivid imagery	✓
Ambitious vocabulary	✓
A range of punctuation	✓

\* The players ~~stepped~~ <sup>stepped</sup> up and launched an absolute ~~rocket~~ rocket in the bottom right-hand corner. The keeper had no chance and it goes in. Argentina are the World Cup Champions. Messi ~~he~~ started jumping around, cheering with his teammates and the fans. He looked like the happiest man alive, ever elated, ever joyful, ever excited. With the rest of the team, Messi lifted the World Cup trophy. He had now completed football.