① READ THE TEXT AND FOCUS ON UNKNOWN WORDS

1. You are going to read the text *World Cup 2018*. Look at the picture, the title and the headings of the text. What is the text about?

2. When you read a text, you sometimes find a word that you don't know. You can use the reading strategy **clarifying** to find out what this word means, without using a dictionary. This is because often the text gives you clues to find out the meaning of this word.

EXPLANATION

> Reading strategy **clarifying**:
> 1) you use the **context** to try to find out what a word means
> 2) you check if you already know a **part of the word**, or if the word looks like a word you know in **another language**
> 3) you think about the main subject of the text and what you **already know** about it
> 4) you can look it up in **a dictionary** if you aren't able to work out the meaning of the word

3. Read the text. While reading, underline or mark words that you don't know. Don't start clarifying yet.

4. Now, try to clarify the meaning of the following words from the text. Also, write down which strategy you used to clarify the words.

   You have probably underlined or marked other difficult words. You can write them down too in the last three sections.

word	meaning	strategy I used to clarify
to kick off (line 1)		
to qualify (line 5)		
to host (line 7)		
the event (line 21)		

to decorate (line 23)		
the mascot (line 24)		
the volunteer (line 27)		
the bet (line 30)		
…… (line ..)		
……. (line ..)		
……. (line ..)		

5. Discuss your answers with a classmate. Did you use the same strategies? For which words did you use other strategies?

6. Use a dictionary to check if you found the right meaning of the words.

②. MAKE AN OVERVIEW TABLE

This text gives you a lot of facts about the World Cup 2018. In this exercise, you are going to write information down in an 'overview table'. In this kind of table you can collect important information about a topic. When you are finished, the table gives you an *overview* of what is important about the topic.

WORLD CUP 2018	
When does the World Cup 2018 take place?	
The number of stadiums and cities:	
The amount of countries playing:	
The name and meaning of the mascot:	
Favourites to win the World Cup 2018:	

③. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. The matches will be played in 11 cities in Russia. In which city or cities will the semi-finals be played?

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2. How can a country make sure that it can play at a World Cup (paragraph **Qualifiers**)?

    ① _____

    ② _____

3. Which two countries will play in the World Cup for the first time?

    _____

4. What did Russia do to be prepared for the World Cup (paragraph **More facts**)?
   There are two good answers.
   A. They decorated their stadiums in a typical Russian way.
   B. They modernised airports and built hotels.
   C. They paid people money to help during the matches.
   D. They presented a logo and a mascot.

5. Why do people think Germany might win the World Cup 2018?
   A. Because Germany has won the last time.
   B. Because Messi is a very good player.
   C. Because other favourites do not play this year.
   D. The text does not explain why Germany is a favourite.

④ YOUR PREDICTION

Who will win the World Cup 2018, according to you? Fill in your predictions in the table on the next page. Fill in the countries and the scores.

If you want, you can make a competition of it. Who in your class made the best prediction?

QUARTER-FINAL 1

FRIDAY, 6 JULY

WINNERS

QUARTER-FINAL 3

SATURDAY, 7 JULY

SEMI-FINAL 1

TUESDAY, 10 JULY

FINAL

SUNDAY, 15 JULY

SEMI-FINAL 2

WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY

QUARTER-FINAL 2

FRIDAY, 6 JULY

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

SATURDAY, 14 JULY

QUARTER-FINAL 4

SATURDAY, 7 JULY