When it was announced back in December 2010 that the tiny nation of Qatar was set to host[5] arguably[6] the largest sporting event on the planet, many were up in arms[7]. It was an unconventional choice, no doubt about it[8] and the controversy surrounding[9] it was massive.

But 12 years down the line[10], it seemed that all eyes were glued to the screen[11] waiting to see what surprises, delights[12] and mishaps[13] the World Cup[14] would throw up[15]. And weren't we treated[16] to a fair share[17]? Regardless of[18] opinion, the spectacle itself was an absolute belter[19] and helped to ensure[20] that Qatar held the world's focus[21] for the best part of a month.

As expected[22], Qatar were out after three games in the group stage[23], having lost all their matches. But the location of the tournament itself has arguably helped introduce[24] a whole new generation of fans to the game, as well as boost[25] the profile of the sport in nations where it was once largely ignored as a major game.

5 **to host sth** tu həʊst ˈsʌmθɪŋ **gościć coś**

6 **arguably** ˈɑːgjʊəbli **prawdopodobnie**

7 **to be up in arms** tu bi ʌp ɪn ɑːmz **być oburzonym**

8 **no doubt about it** nəʊ daʊt əˈbaʊt ɪt **bez wątpienia**

9 **surrounding** səˈraʊndɪŋ **otaczający**

10 **down the line** daʊn ðə laɪn **po jakimś czasie**

11 **all eyes were glued to the screen** ɔːl aɪz wə(r) gluːd tə ðə skriːn **wszystkie oczy były wpatrzone w ekran**

12 **delight** dɪˈlaɪt *tu:* **przyjemność**

13 **mishap** ˈmɪshæp **nieszczęście**

14 **The World Cup** ðə ˌwɜːld ˈkʌp **Puchar Świata, Mistrzostwa Świata w Piłce Nożnej**

15 **to throw sth up** tu θrəʊ ˈsʌmθɪŋ ʌp *tu:* **zaprezentować coś**

16 **to treat sth** tu triːt ˈsʌmθɪŋ *tu:* **zafundować coś**

17 **fair share** feə(r) ʃeə(r) **porządna porcja**

18 **regardless of sth** rɪˈgɑːdləs əv ˈsʌmθɪŋ **niezależnie od czegoś**

19 **belter** ˈbeltə(r) **cudo, zjawisko**

20 **to ensure sth** tə ɪnˈʃʊə(r) ˈsʌmθɪŋ **zapewnić coś**

21 **focus** ˈfəʊkəs **uwaga**

22 **as expected** əz ɪkˈspektɪd **zgodnie z oczekiwaniami**

23 **group stage** gruːp steɪdʒ **faza grupowa**

24 **to introduce sth** tə ˌɪntrəˈdjuːs ˈsʌmθɪŋ **wprowadzić coś**

25 **to boost sth** tu buːst ˈsʌmθɪŋ **wzmocnić coś**