

# SPAG Worksheet - 2018 Men's Football World Cup

This year's **Men's Football World Cup** is taking place in Moscow, Russia. 14 June - 15 July 2018.

In "Dead Ball" by Tom Palmer, teen sports detective Danny Harte travels to Moscow to tackle a match-fixing mystery.

Use your SPAG skills to look at this extract and progress through your own literacy World Cup. How many SPAG goals will you score? Will you make it to the Final and win the SPAG World Cup?



From Page xxxx

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He ordered a sandwich from room service and then went out into the city. He didn't want to see Lenin's tomb because he was a big fan of Russian history. He knew Lenin had been the first leader of Russia after it'd had its revolution. But that was about it.

## GROUP STAGE

First Half ... **Underline the ...**

- adjective
- noun
- possessive pronoun
- verb
- possessive apostrophe

Second Half ... **Underline the ...**

- personal pronoun
- determiner
- subordinating conjunction
- past perfect verb
- omission apostrophe
- simple sentence

The thing was, he'd read about Lenin's tomb in the guidebook. You could go in and see his body. His actual dead body. A body that had been dead for eighty-five years. The body was in a building called a mausoleum. Something about that appealed to Danny.

It was horrible. Really horrible. But he couldn't resist. The guidebook had said that you could see his face and that his ears were all withered and tiny. Also, that loads of parts of his body had been replaced with wax and that some people thought Lenin was pretty much all wax now. Gross.

Danny set off. The hotel was quite close to Red Square. According to the map he had to walk over the river, past a large cathedral with golden domes, take a right along the river and he'd be there.

Coming along and then across the river had been a struggle. The roads were so busy it'd been hard to find a place to cross.

But Danny made it eventually.

**Round of 16**

First Half...**Give a synonym for**  
 tomb .....  
 go in .....  
 actual.....  
 building.....  
 appealed.....

Second Half...**Give a synonym for**  
 horrible .....  
 resist .....  
 withered.....  
 body.....  
 thought.....  
 gross .....

**Quarter Finals**

First Half ... **modify the verb**  
 "was" to simple present .....  
 "had" to subjunctive .....  
 "he'd" to past progressive.....

Second Half... **modify the verb**  
 "coming" to simple past.....  
 "it'd been " to modal.....  
 "to cross" to past perfect .....  
 "Made" to future .....

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Groups of people gawped at the weird cathedral, the mausoleum, the Kremlin. The walls that went along one side of the square were so big - and the square itself so big - that Danny felt tiny. There was something about the scale of the place that was wrong. It was like the people were being made to feel that small.

The mausoleum was a small red building that would have looked quite big if it had not been dwarfed by the walls of the Kremlin. It had the letters ЛЕНИН across it. Several people were having their photographs taken, grinning into the cameras with the building holding their dead former leader inside. Including young children.

Danny frowned. The place gave him the creeps.

### *Semi Finals*

First Half ... **find another word in the word family ...**

ring  
surrounded  
weird  
wall  
side  
tiny  
scale  
people  
small

Second Half ... **find a word to rhyme with ...**

red  
big  
walls  
people  
taken  
leader  
young

Extra Time ...

**How do you think Danny is feeling?**

But he still wanted to see the body. He walked towards the entrance. There were two soldiers stood staring blankly out across the square. He thought about asking them if he could go in, but neither would meet his eyes. He was getting nowhere. And beginning to lose his nerve.

And that was when he saw Matt McGee, the England goalkeeper, walk straight in front of him. Less than a hundred metres away across the front of the mausoleum.

Towards the right of Red Square.

**Finals**

First Half...**Define the meaning of**

the body.....

the entrance.....

staring blankly.....

the square.....

neither.....

getting nowhere.....

lose his nerve.....

Second half ... **On a separate sheet, re-write this informal paragraph into more formal standard English**

Extra time .... **On a separate sheet, what do you think happened next?**

Find out more about Dead Ball here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/foul-play/dead-ball/>

# Teacher's Notes - 2018 Men's Football World Cup

## Warm up questions

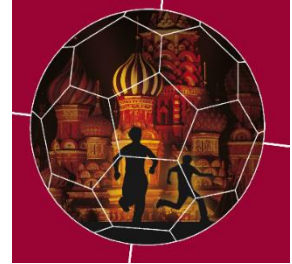
- Does anyone know which teams have qualified for the 2018 Men's Football World Cup ? (see list at back)
- Where is it being held? Moscow, Russia
- This extract is from a detective story set in Russia by Tom Palmer, have any of you read any books by Tom Palmer?
- How are Russians often portrayed in films and books? (As sinister baddies)



## Use the powerpoint for a class read through of the text aloud

## Follow up questions

- What sort of writing style is this? (Informal fiction)
- Who was Lenin? (a Russian communist revolutionary)
- What is unusual about St Basil's Cathedral? (Its domes are golden and onion shaped)
- What is this text ...ЛЕНИН ? (Lenin's name in the Russian Cyrillic script.)



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\*These are suggested answers,  
many others are acceptable!

tomb ...grave.....  
go in ... enter.....  
actual...real.....  
building...place.....  
appealed...attracted.....

Second Half...Give a synonym for  
horrible ...terrible .....  
resist .....stop himself.....  
withered.....dried up.....  
body.....torso.....  
thought.....believed.....

### Quarter Finals

First Half ... modify the verb \*

"was" to simple present ...is  
"had" to subjunctive ...would walk  
"he'd" to past progressive...he was  
going to

Second Half... modify the verb

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"it'd been " to modal...it must have  
been  
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crossed  
"Made" to future ...will make it

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ring (**ringing**)

surrounded (**surroundings**)

weird (**weirdly**)

wall (**walled**)

side (**siding**)

tiny (**tiniest**)

scale (**scales**)

people (**peopled**)

small (**smaller**)

Second Half ... **find a word to rhyme with ...**

red (**bed**)

big (**pig**)

walls (**falls**)

people (**steeple**)

taken (**shaken**)

leader (**feeder**)

young (**clung**)

Extra Time ...

**How do you think Danny is feeling?**

**Danny is feeling ill at ease. We know this from the text because the writer has described him as frowning and that the place "gave him the creeps". Danny might be feeling this way because tourists are posing for photographs in a place marking someone's death and moreover the idea of death naturally makes him uncomfortable.**

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### ***Finals***

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the body...**the limbs and torso of a person.....**

the entrance...**where you enter a building .....**

staring blankly...**looking without expression.....**

the square...**an open space with 4 sides .....**

neither... **not either.....**

getting nowhere...**not succeeding.....**

lose his nerve...**lose confidence in an idea.....**

Second half ... **On a separate sheet, re-write this informal paragraph into more formal standard English \***

**In addition, at that very moment, Danny viewed Mr Matthew McGee (the goalkeeper for the Men's English Football Team), perambulating right across his path. There was less than a hundred metres between them before the entrance to the tomb.**

**Extra time .... On a separate sheet, what do you think happened next?**



# Qualifying Teams-2018 Men's Football World Cup



Denmark



Iceland



Costa Rica



Sweden



Tunisia



Egypt



Senegal



Iran



Russia



Germany



Brazil



Portugal



Argentina



Belgium



Poland



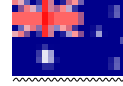
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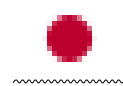
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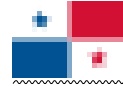
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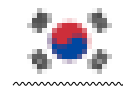
Japan



Morocco



Panama



South Korea



Saudi Arabia



Spain



Peru



Switzerland



England



Colombia



Mexico



Uruguay



Croatia