

# WORLD CUP ACTIVITIES

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## Comprehension

The FIFA World Cup is an international association football competition held every four years. (FIFA stands for Fédération Internationale de Football Association) The World Cup features 32 national teams. The first World Cup took place in Uruguay in July 1930. The only years it was not held was in 1942 and 1946 because of the Second World War.

In 2014 the World Cup will be held in Brazil over a period of about a month. More than 200 countries competed for the 31 available spots. One place is reserved for the host nation, Brazil. The other nations are the 31 best teams from the qualifying tournaments. After Brazil, the next World Cups will be hosted by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

Eight different national teams have won the FIFA World Cup tournaments. Brazil have won five times, Italy four, Germany three, Argentina and Uruguay two, and England, France and Spain one each. Brazil is the only nation to have played in every World Cup.

The World Cup was first televised in 1954 and is the most widely viewed and followed sporting event in the world.

## QUESTIONS

**How often is the World Cup held?**

- a) Every year
- b) Every 2 years
- c) Every 4 years
- d) Every 8 years

**How many times has Argentina won the World Cup?**

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

**When was the World Cup first televised?**

- a) 1930
- b) 1942
- c) 1946
- d) 1954

**Who will host the 2022 World Cup?**

- a) Brazil
- b) Russia
- c) Qatar
- d) Germany

**What nation is the only one to have played in every World Cup?**

- a) Brazil
- b) Argentina
- c) Germany
- d) Uruguay

**What does FIFA stand for?**

- a) Football International Finals Association
- b) Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- c) Finals International Football Association
- d) Federal Internationale de Football

**Why wasn't there a World Cup in 1942?**

- a) First World War
- b) Second World War
- c) World Flu epidemic
- d) Bad weather

**Who has won the most World Cups?**

- a) Germany
- b) Argentina
- c) Spain
- d) Brazil

**In what year was the first World Cup?**

- a) 1925
- b) 1954
- c) 1930
- d) 1942



## Research

**Research one of the competing nations at the 2014 World Cup. Include the following information:**

Country name \_\_\_\_\_  
Capital city \_\_\_\_\_  
National flag \_\_\_\_\_  
National colours/colors \_\_\_\_\_  
National foods/dishes/meals \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruler (president, prime minister, king or queen) \_\_\_\_\_  
Football teams that are in the top division \_\_\_\_\_  
Three famous landmarks \_\_\_\_\_  
Famous football players \_\_\_\_\_  
World Cup history \_\_\_\_\_

### Where are the competing nations from?

**What countries in the 2014 World Cup are from Africa?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**What countries in the 2014 World Cup are from Asia? (and Oceania)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

**What countries in the 2014 World Cup are from North and Central America?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

**What countries in the 2014 World Cup are from Europe?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13

**What countries in the 2014 World Cup are from South America?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

**Calculate the distance between the capital city of each country participating at the World Cup and Brasilia, (the capital of Brazil).**

**Find out:**

Which country has travelled the furthest distance to get to Brazil?

\_\_\_\_\_

Which country has travelled the shortest distance to get to Brazil?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Geography

**Mark all the countries participating in the World Cup on a map of the world.**

**List the capital cities of each country.**



## Two Famous World Cup Goals

Research and write a brief report about:

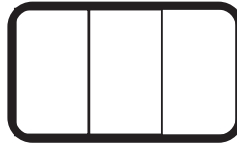
1. Maradona's "Hand of God" goal against England in quarter finals of the 1986 World Cup.
2. Geoff Hurst's famous goal in 1966 when England played West Germany.

## World Cup Great Players

Research and write about two of these great players. (Alternatively, select your own great World Cup player)

- Landon Donovan, United States
- Dennis Bergkamp, Netherlands
- Jurgen Klinsmann, West Germany
- Sandor Kocsis, Hungary
- Obdulio Varela, Uruguay
- Roberto Baggio, Italy
- Eusebio, Portugal
- Bobby Charlton, England
- Grzegorz Lato, Poland
- Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany
- Johann Cruyff
- Just Fontaine, France
- Zinedine Zidane, France
- Ronaldo, Brazil
- Diego Maradona, Argentina
- Pele, Brazil

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## Rules of Football Quiz

What is the maximum numbers of players per team?

- a) 9
- b) 10
- c) 11
- d) 12

Where is the game started?

- a) goal square
- b) centre of the field
- c) penalty area
- d) goal line

True or False? The ball must cross the goal line to be a goal.

- a) True
- b) False

True or False? The goalkeeper is the only player allowed to touch the ball with their hands.

- a) True
- b) False

What happens when the ball crosses the sideline?

- a) free kick
- b) penalty
- c) throw in
- d) bounce ball

True or False? The circumference of a soccer ball must not be more than 28 inches (70 cm) and not less than 27 inches (68 cm).

- a) True
- b) False

True or False? A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player kicks or attempts to kick another player.

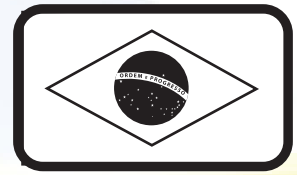
- a) True
- b) False

## Place the 32 countries competing in Brazil in alphabetical order

- France \_\_\_\_\_
- Nigeria \_\_\_\_\_
- Switzerland \_\_\_\_\_
- Croatia \_\_\_\_\_
- Italy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexico \_\_\_\_\_
- Bosnia and Herzegovina \_\_\_\_\_
- Portugal \_\_\_\_\_
- Iran \_\_\_\_\_
- Spain \_\_\_\_\_
- Holland \_\_\_\_\_
- Chile \_\_\_\_\_
- Brazil \_\_\_\_\_
- Colombia \_\_\_\_\_
- Greece \_\_\_\_\_
- Costa Rica \_\_\_\_\_
- Ivory Coast \_\_\_\_\_
- USA \_\_\_\_\_
- Japan \_\_\_\_\_
- Australia \_\_\_\_\_
- Germany \_\_\_\_\_
- Uruguay \_\_\_\_\_
- Honduras \_\_\_\_\_
- Cameroon \_\_\_\_\_
- Ecuador \_\_\_\_\_
- England \_\_\_\_\_
- Argentina \_\_\_\_\_
- Ghana \_\_\_\_\_
- Russia \_\_\_\_\_
- Algeria \_\_\_\_\_
- Korea Republic \_\_\_\_\_
- Belgium \_\_\_\_\_

## Re-arrange the letters to make the names of some of the countries at the 2014 World Cup.

- helic \_\_\_\_\_
- urodaec \_\_\_\_\_
- aaailtrus \_\_\_\_\_
- naajp \_\_\_\_\_
- arni \_\_\_\_\_
- htsuo reoak \_\_\_\_\_
- satco irac \_\_\_\_\_
- uahrsndo \_\_\_\_\_
- ximoec \_\_\_\_\_
- detniu ttssea \_\_\_\_\_
- araitco \_\_\_\_\_
- eadnnlg \_\_\_\_\_
- renafc \_\_\_\_\_



BRAZIL



Find a word

F	A	X	I	C	E	N	G	L	A	N	D
U	R	U	G	U	A	Y	N	R	Y	P	Q
B	E	A	O	L	D	E	A	O	L	E	A
C	C	M	N	I	G	E	R	I	A	C	I
M	E	X	I	C	O	B	I	A	T	E	L
E	E	I	C	B	E	G	L	I	I	E	A
D	R	C	Y	C	B	H	O	T	J	R	R
E	G	O	N	D	R	A	Z	A	A	G	T
F	G	E	R	M	A	N	Y	O	P	C	S
G	O	C	M	I	Z	A	L	R	A	S	U
E	X	S	P	A	I	N	M	C	N	X	A
A	I	B	M	U	L	O	C	H	I	L	E



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|-----------|---------|
| Columbia  | France  |
| Australia | Iran    |
| USA       | Ghana   |
| Chile     | Uruguay |
| Brazil    | Japan   |
| Spain     | Greece  |
| Nigeria   | Germany |
| Italy     | Croatia |
|           | Mexico  |

Rhyming words - Select the rhyming word

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|-------------|------------|
| Brazil      | score      |
| a) brave    | a) scar    |
| b) brass    | b) pour    |
| c) downhill | c) spare   |
| d) brown    | d) scout   |
| world       | player     |
| a) word     | a) sprayer |
| b) curled   | b) weighed |
| c) fold     | c) says    |
| d) wild     | d) plays   |

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|-------------|------------|----------|
| cup         | kick       | goal     |
| a) cop      | a) kit     | a) hail  |
| b) map      | b) cough   | b) gale  |
| c) cut      | c) quick   | c) gone  |
| d) pup      | d) kill    | d) whole |
| soccer      | whistle    |          |
| a) locker   | a) whiter  |          |
| b) matter   | b) tile    |          |
| c) stocking | c) missile |          |
| d) sucker   | d) wishes  |          |



**Grammar**

**Which verb completes the sentence?**

Peter \_\_\_\_\_ excited to be going to the 2014 World Cup.

- a) are
- b) am
- c) has
- d) is

**Jack's team trains for two hours on Mondays, one hour on Wednesdays, and 30 minutes on Fridays.**

How long does Jack's team train in one week?

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How long does Jack's team train in four weeks?

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**Which conjunction completes the sentence?**

- a) Nikki went to the park so waited for her friends.
- b) Nikki went to the park and waited for her friends.
- c) Nikki went to the park or waited for her friends.
- d) Nikki went to the park when waited for her friends.

**Which sentence has used apostrophes correctly?**

- a) Tim's sister and John's cousin play in the same football team.
- b) Tims' sister and Johns' cousin play in the same football team.
- c) Tim's sister and Johns' cousin play in the same football team.
- d) Tims sister and John's cousin play in the same football team.

**Which sentence has used prepositions correctly?**

- a) Andy put the football around the table.
- b) Andy put the football in the table.
- c) Andy put the football across the table.
- d) Andy put the football on the table.

**Which sentence is correct?**

- a) Tim is wanting Brazil to win.
- b) Sam are want Italy wins.
- c) Sue wants England to win.
- d) Sally did wanted Spain to win.



**Which sentence is correct?**

- a) brazil, italy and germany have won the most World Cup titles.
- b) Brazil, Italy, Germany have won, the most World Cup titles
- c) Brazil, Italy and Germany have won the most World Cup titles.
- d) Brazil, Italy, Germany have won the most world, Cup titles.

**Which sentence has used commas correctly?**

- a) Tim Sam and Ken, put their boots socks, and shirts in the bag.
- b) Tim, Sam and Ken put their boots socks and shirts, in the bag.
- c) Tim, Sam and Ken, put their boots, socks and, shirts in the bag.
- d) Tim, Sam and Ken put their boots, socks and shirts in the bag.

**What is the meaning of the metaphor "feeling blue" in this sentence?**

After his team was beaten, Jim was feeling blue.

- a) Jim was happy.
- b) Jim was sad.
- c) Jim was sick.
- d) Jim had blue paint on his face.

**Which of these is an example of alliteration?**

- a) The Brazilian team played like lions.
- b) After the win, the whole of Brazil was on top of the world.
- c) Brazil cruised through the first three matches.
- d) The brave Brazilians bounced back in the second half.

**What is the correct position for a semicolon in this sentence?**

Some teams play better in the morning others play better at night.

- a) Some teams play; better in the morning others play better at night.
- b) Some teams; play better in the morning others play better at night.
- c) Some teams play better in the morning others; play better at night.
- d) Some teams play better in the morning; others play better at night.

**Where should parentheses be used in this sentence?**

The distance from London to Brasilia is 8787 kilometres 5460 miles.

- a) The distance (from London to Brasilia) is 8787 kilometres 5460 miles.
- b) The distance from London to Brasilia is 8787 kilometres (5460 miles).
- c) (The distance from) London to Brasilia is 8787 kilometres 5460 miles.
- d) The distance from London (to Brasilia) is 8787 kilometres 5460 miles.



**Grammar** (continued)

**Which sentence has correct punctuation?**

- a) Do you think diego Maradonas second goal against england in 1986 was the greatest goal ever scored?
- b) Do you think, Diego Maradona’s second goal against England in 1986 was the greatest goal ever scored.
- c) Do you think Diego Maradonas second goal against England in, 1986 was the greatest goal ever scored!
- d) Do you think Diego Maradona’s second goal against England in 1986 was the greatest goal ever scored?

**Which sentence is correct?**

- a) Are you both coming to the game on Sunday?
- b) Is you both coming to the game on Sunday?
- c) Are you both coming too the game on Sunday.
- d) Are youse both coming to the game on sunday?

**What is the meaning of this sentence?**

Spain demolished the opposition.

- a) Spain lost narrowly
- b) Spain won convincingly
- c) Spain almost won in a close game
- d) Spain played poorly

**What is the meaning of the word “incident” in this sentence?**

Maradona’s “Hand of God” goal against England in 1986 is a very famous incident in World Cup history.

- a) religious moment
- b) comment
- c) event
- d) score

**Maths - Brain Teaser World Cup Maths**

**A stadium holds 66000 people.**

How many people will there be if the stadium is half full?

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How many people will there be if the stadium is two thirds full?

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If there are 16000 empty seats, how many people will be there?

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**In the Group stage, there are four countries in each of the eight groups (A – H). Each country plays the other three countries in their group once. This is called the group stage. (The top two ranking teams in each group progress to the second stage.)**

How many games will each team play in the group stage?

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What is the total number of games for group B in the group stage?

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What is the total number of games in the group stage for all groups (A- H)?

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If there was an average of two goals scored per game in the group stage for Group A, how many goals would be scored in total?

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The players in a team are numbered from one to eleven. If all the numbers are added together, what is the total?

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What is the total for two teams?

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If six players in a team scored one goal in a season, two players scored two goals, one player scored five goals, and another player scored eight goals, what was the total number of goals scored?

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## Area

If a playing field is 100m x 50m, what is the area in m<sup>2</sup>?

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If a penalty area is 40m x 16m, what is the area in m<sup>2</sup>?

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If the centre circle has a radius of 9m, what is the area of the centre circle in m<sup>2</sup>?

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What three dimensional shape is a football?

- a) Cube
- b) Pyramid
- c) Sphere
- d) Circle

What two dimensional shape is the playing field?

- a) Square
- b) Diamond
- c) Rectangle
- d) Oval

If the playing field measures 100m x 50m, what is the perimeter?

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If you walked around the perimeter of the playing field three times, how far will you have walked?

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## Time

Each half of a game is 45 minutes. If there is a fifteen minute break at half time and the referee adds an extra 5 minutes for injury time at the end of normal time, what is the total amount of minutes from kickoff until the final whistle?

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If the game started at 3pm: What was the time when the referee blew the whistle for half time?

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What was the time when the referee blew the whistle for the start of the second half?

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What time would the match end if no injury time was added?

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## Symmetry

Which national flags of these countries competing in the 2014 World Cup are symmetrical?

USA

England

Australia

France

Japan

Greece

Switzerland

Italy

Algeria

Spain

**Art & Design**

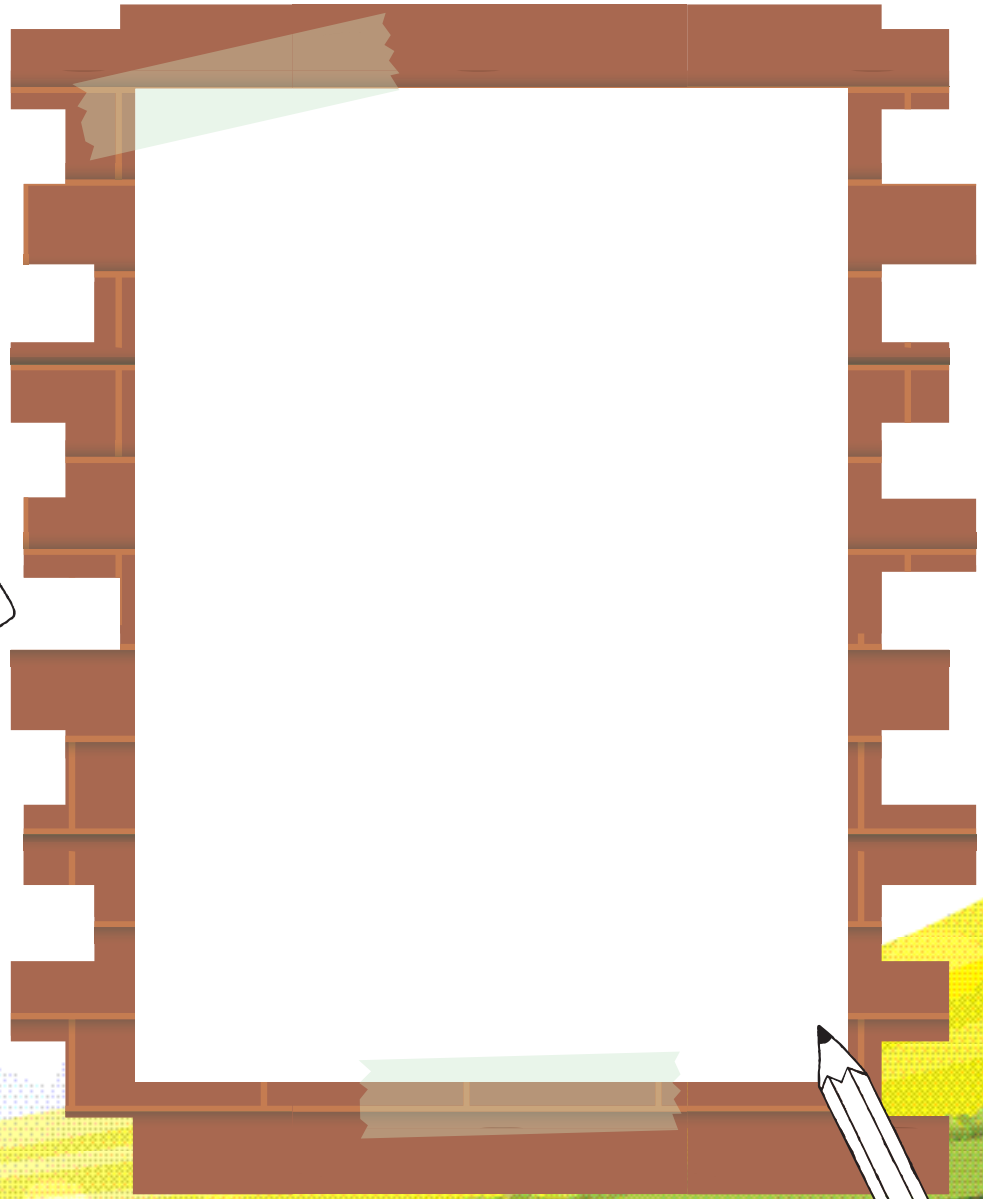
Imagine that the country where you live has just won the right to host the 2026 World Cup. **Design a poster to promote the 2026 World Cup. Include: The name of the country, The year (2026) and the words "FIFA World Cup"**

Here is an example poster promoting Brazil for the 2014 World Cup.



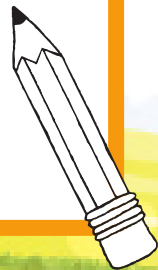
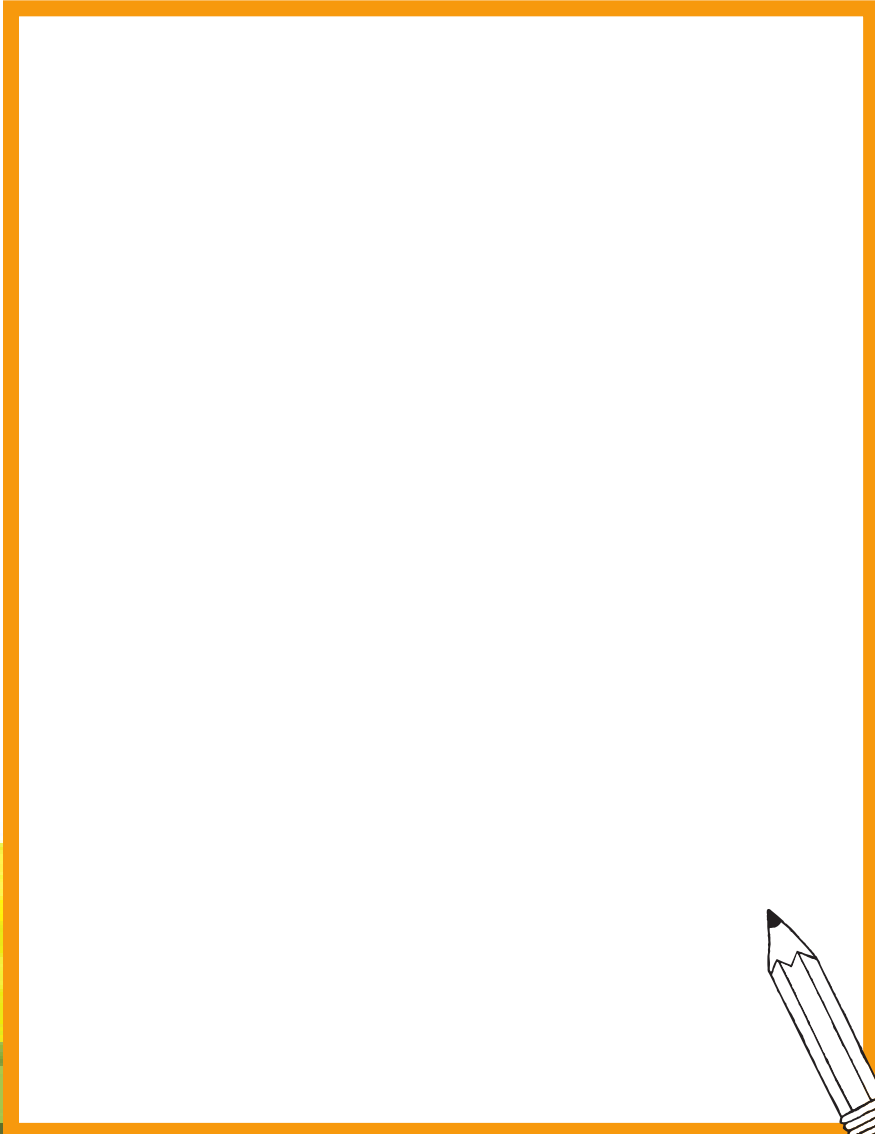
**Design and draw a logo for the 2026 World Cup.**

(Go to FIFA's official website for 2014 World Cup to see what the logo looks like.)



**Draw and name a mascot for the 2026 World Cup.**

Fuleco the Armadillo is the official mascot of the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. (Search online for the mascot for the 2014 World Cup to see what it looks like. You can also find images of previous World Cup mascots)



**Research the designs of some of the countries competing the 2014 World Cup.**

**Design and draw the jumper/jersey for your country's team in 2026.**



## World Cup Quiz

The 18 World Cups have been won by 9 different countries. All these countries are from which two continents?

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

What country won the fourth World Cup in Brazil in 1950?

\_\_\_\_\_

What was the last South American team to win the tournament in South America?

\_\_\_\_\_

Every match at the 1930 World Cup in Uruguay was played in which city?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who is the only player to win three World Cups?

\_\_\_\_\_

Up to and including the 2010 World Cup, who has won the most titles, European or South American teams?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who was the first goalkeeper to win Best Player of the Tournament?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who was the first nation outside of Europe and South America to host the World Cup?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Football (soccer) Quiz - True or False?

**The act of hitting the ball with your head is called a footer.**

- a) True
- b) False

**The goalmouth is the area directly in front of the goal.**

- a) True
- b) False

**Dribbling is moving the ball with repeated little taps or kicks.**

- a) True
- b) False

**An own goal is a goal scored by a player of the attacking team.**

- a) True
- b) False

**A free kick is a place kick which has been awarded by the referee for an infringement or foul.**

- a) True
- b) False

**If a player (other than the goalkeeper) intentionally touches the ball with their hand or arm, it is called a hand ball.**

- a) True
- b) False

**A game of professional football lasts 75 minutes.**

- a) True
- b) False

**A goalkeeper may only handle the ball anywhere on the field.**

- a) True
- b) False

**Fullbacks are not allowed to score goals.**

- a) True
- b) False



## Languages

Learn a “welcome” phrase for five of the countries at the 2014 World Cup.

For example:

Brazil: (Portuguese) “bem-vindo”

Spain: (Spanish) “bienvenido”

Germany: (German) “willkommen”

## Drawing

Place a football in a strong directional light.

Draw the ball and its shadow from different positions. Change the angle of the light and re-draw.



## Results

Select one team to follow in the World Cup.

Draw a table showing your selected country’s group in Brazil and each game in the group stage. Record the scores of each game.

Here is an example table for Group B

Date	Venue		Result	
June 14	Salvador	Spain	-	Netherlands
June 14	Cuiaba	Chile	-	Australia
June 19	Rio De Janeiro	Spain	-	Chile
June 19	Porto Alegre	Australia	-	Netherlands
June 24	Curitiba	Australia	-	Spain
June 24	Sao Paulo	Netherlands	-	Chile

## Making Predictions

Before any matches are played in the World Cup, select which two teams you think will play in the final.

- 1.
- 2.

After the group stage, select which two teams you think will play in the final.

- 1.
- 2.

After the round of 16, select which two teams you think will play in the final.

- 1.
- 2.

## Music

Compose a song or chant for one of the teams at the World Cup.

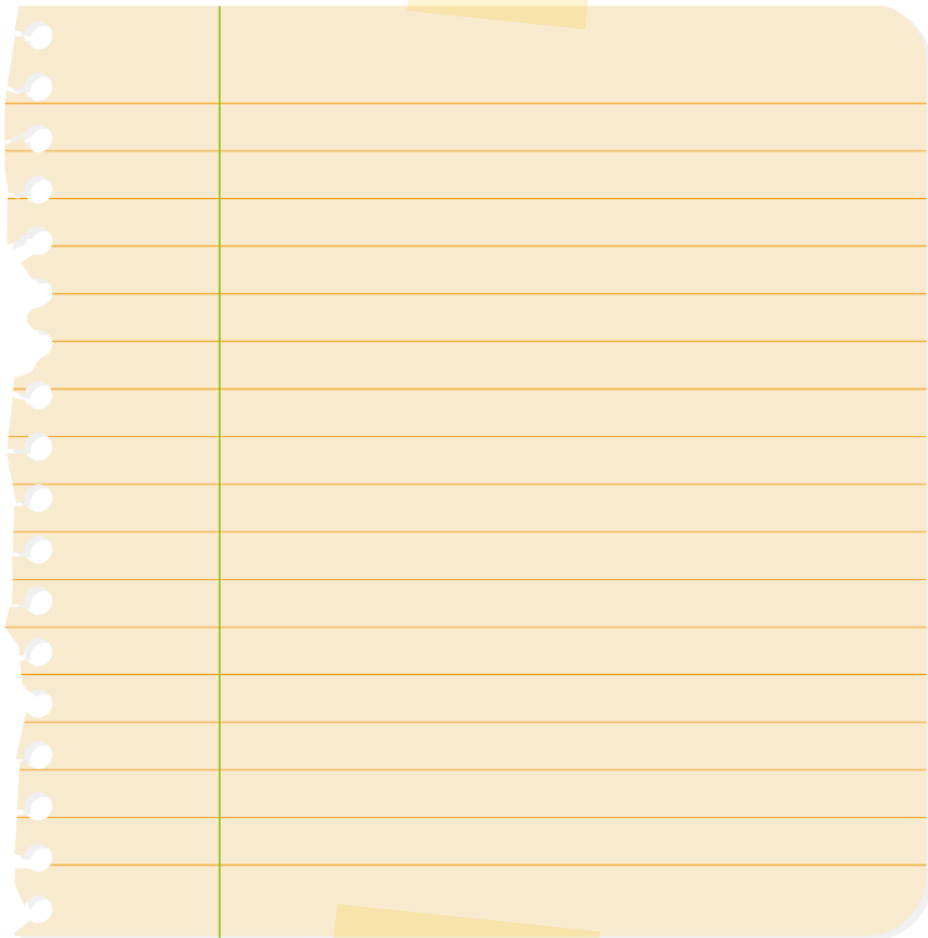
Example

Spain is the best!

They'll beat the rest!

We love Spain!

They'll win every game!



## Health

Plan a healthy and nutritious week's menu for a football team in training, including what they should eat before and after a game.

**Include all meals as well as snacks. Explain your choices. For example, Soccer players need energy, which is most commonly found in carbohydrate.**

What drinks should the players have?

What things should they avoid eating?

