

WORLD CUP ACTIVITIES

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Lower Primary



Comprehension

The FIFA World Cup is an international football competition held every four years. The first World Cup took place in Uruguay in July 1930.

In 2014 the World Cup will be held in Brazil over a period of about a month. There are 32 teams divided into eight groups. More than 200 countries competed to play in Brazil. After Brazil, the next World Cups will be in Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

Eight different national teams have won the FIFA World Cup. 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 England 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 2018 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

The World Cup is an international competition.

What does "international" mean?

- a) From one country
- b) From different countries
- c) From South America
- d) Football

How many teams will be competing in Brazil?

- a) 12
- b) 16
- c) 32
- d) 48

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



Comprehension

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

- Country name _____
- Capital city _____
- National flag _____

- National colours _____
- National foods/dishes/meals _____
- World Cup history _____

Place the countries in each group in alphabetical order

Group A

- Cameroon _____
- Croatia _____
- Mexico _____
- Brazil _____

Group B

- Spain _____
- Australia _____
- Holland _____
- Chile _____

Group C

- Japan _____
- Greece _____
- Ivory Coast _____
- Colombia _____

Group D

- Uruguay _____
- Costa Rica _____
- England _____
- Italy _____

Group E

- Switzerland _____
- France _____
- Ecuador _____
- Honduras _____

Group F

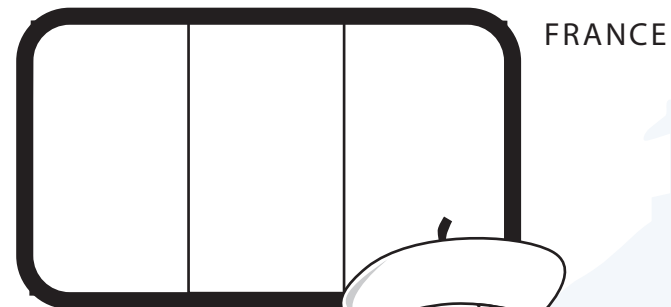
- Nigeria _____
- Bosnia & Herzegovina _____
- Argentina _____
- Iran _____

Group G

- USA _____
- Germany _____
- Portugal _____
- Ghana _____

Group H

- South Korea _____
- Belgium _____
- Algeria _____
- Russia _____



FRANCE



Rhyming words - Select the rhyming word

world
a) worm
b) curled
c) wood
d) old

cup
a) cub
b) pip
c) pup
d) pop

Brazil
a) bull
b) braze
c) brim
d) downhill

Spain
a) prawn
b) plane
c) spell
d) spin

game
a) gone
b) lamb
c) groom
d) same

Nigeria
a) nicer
b) germ
c) bacteria
d) nickle

Chile
a) silly
b) hill
c) child
d) wild

Japan
a) pansy
b) jumble
c) began
d) jape

Mexico
a) next
b) mix
c) hex
d) eskimo

France
a) frank
b) chance
c) dunce
d) rinse

Greece
a) grace
b) neice
c) race
d) rice

Italy
a) bitterly
b) tired
c) sail
d) toll

Russia
a) brush
b) wish
c) crusher
d) rust

Rules of Football Quiz

What is the maximum numbers of players, per team, allowed on the field?

- 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.

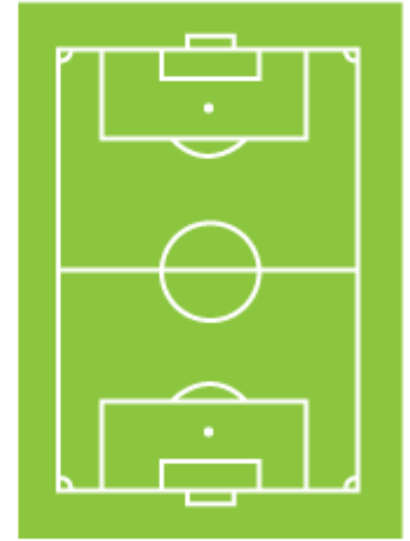
- a) True
- b) False

What happens when the ball crosses the sideline?

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

True or False? You are not allowed to kick another player.

- a) True
- b) False



MEXICO



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 handle the ball anywhere on the field.

- a) True
- b) False

Fullbacks are not allowed to score goals.

- a) True
- b) False

Match the country with the flag.

Australia



Japan



Germany

France



Switzerland

Argentina

Mexico



Brazil

Netherlands

USA

Spain

Korea Republic

Nigeria

Algeria



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



BRAZIL



- Columbia
- Australia
- USA
- Chile
- Brazil
- Spain
- Nigeria
- Italy

- France
- Iran
- Ghana
- Uruguay
- Japan
- Greece
- Germany
- Croatia
- Mexico

Grammar

Which sentence is correct?

- a) I always has fun playing football.
- b) I always have fun playing football.
- c) I always having fun playing football.
- d) I always haves fun playing football.

Which word in this sentence is an action verb?

Tim kicked the ball.

- a) Tim
- b) kicked
- c) the
- d) ball

Which word completes this sentence?

The goalkeeper moved _____ to stop the ball.

- a) quickedly
- b) quicks
- c) quickly
- d) quickens

Which is a compound word?

- a) goalkeeper
- b) running
- c) kicked
- d) scored

What is the plural of foot?

- a) foots
- b) feet
- c) feets
- d) footes

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- a) Who will win the World Cup? said Jim.
- b) "Who will win the, World Cup" said Jim
- c) "Who will win the World Cup? said Jim."
- d) "Who will win the World Cup?" said Jim.



Grammar (continued)

Which sentence is correct?

- a) I is wanting Germany to win the World Cup.
- b) I wants Germany to win the World Cup.
- c) I want Germany to win the World Cup.
- d) I want Germany to wins the World Cup.

Which conjunction would be most suitable in this compound sentence?

He accidentally kicked my knee, _____ it didn't hurt.

- a) or
- b) but
- c) for
- d) so

Which is a compound sentence?

- a) I support Australia, but Tim likes Mexico.
- b) I want Australia to win.
- c) Do you support Australia?
- d) Is Australia the best team?

Which word will join these sentences?

I left the field. I was injured.

- a) unless
- b) so
- c) because
- d) for

Which is the saying verb in this sentence?

Sue ran across the field jumping and shouting.

- a) ran
- b) across
- c) jumping
- d) shouting

Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- a) "Is the game almost over?" he asked?
- b) "Is the game almost over? he asked."
- c) Is the game almost over, "he asked".
- d) "Is the game almost over?" he asked.

Which is indirect speech?

- a) "Come and play," Tina yelled.
- b) Tina yelled to come and play.
- c) "Do you want to come and play" Tina yelled.
- d) Tina yelled, "come and play."

Which relative adverb completes this sentence?

Do you remember the day _____ we won our first game?

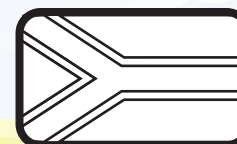
- a) where
- b) when
- c) why

Which prepositional phrase completes this sentence?

The children ran _____.

- a) under the field.
- b) onto the field.
- c) beneath the field.
- d) without the field.

SOUTH AFRICA



Mathematics - Brain Teaser World Cup Maths

A stadium holds 60000 people. Another stadium holds 40000 people.

How many people will there be altogether if both stadiums are full?

How many people will there be altogether if both stadiums are half full?

Tina wears number 9 and Ken wears number 6. Jack has number 7 and Mary has number 4. If all their numbers are added together, what is the total?

Andy scored two goals in game one, three goals in game two and two goals in game three. His sister Sue scored two goals in each of her three games. Who scored the most goals?

The running track around the training ground is 400m. If the team has to do three laps, how far will they run?

What three dimensional object is a football?

- a) cube
- b) pyramid
- c) sphere
- d) circle

What two dimensional shape is a football playing field?

- a) square
- b) diamond
- c) rectangle
- d) oval

John arrived at the training at 1pm. He left to come home at 4.30pm. How long was John training?

Tim arrived at training at 2pm. He stayed 2 hours. What time did he leave?

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?

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

Symmetry

Which of these national flags are symmetrical?



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.

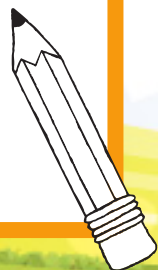
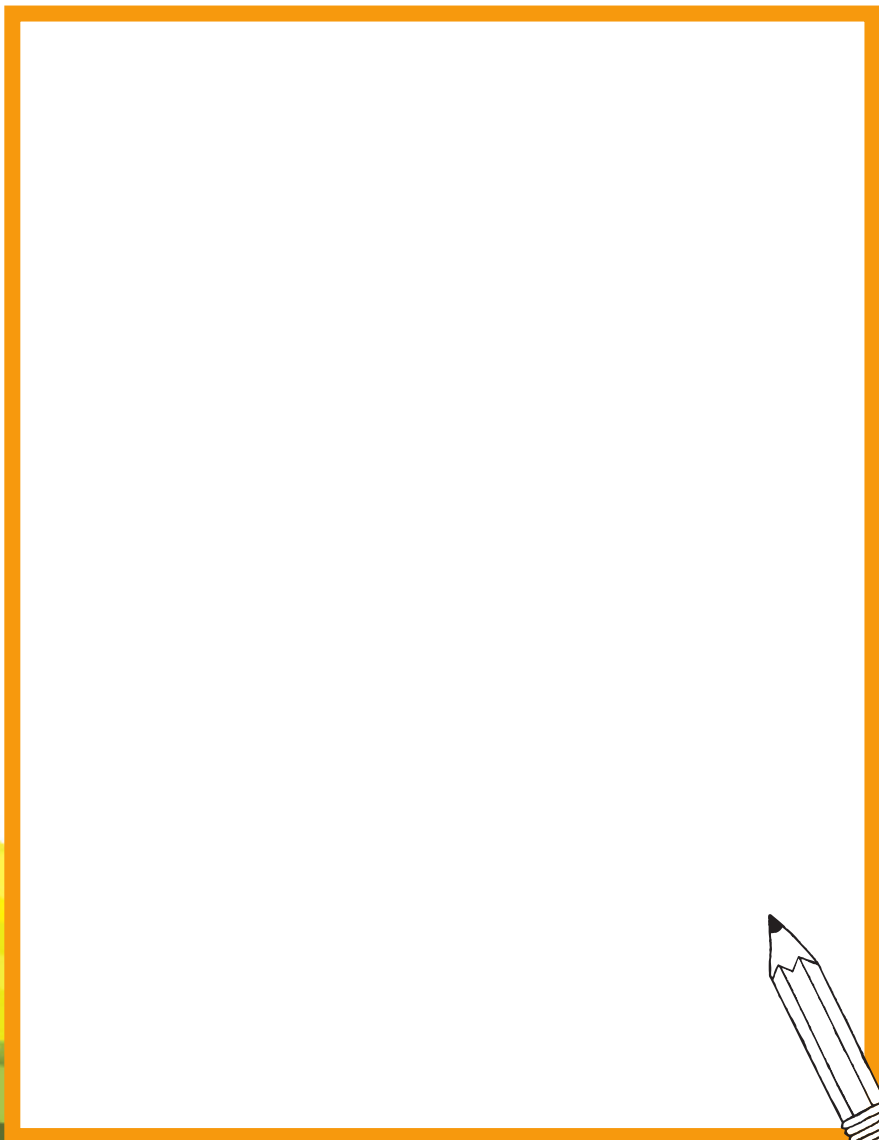


Design and draw a logo for the 2026 World Cup.
(Go to FIFA's official website for 2014 World Cup to see what the logo looks like.)



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.



LANGUAGES

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

For example:

Brazil: (Portuguese) “bem-vindo”

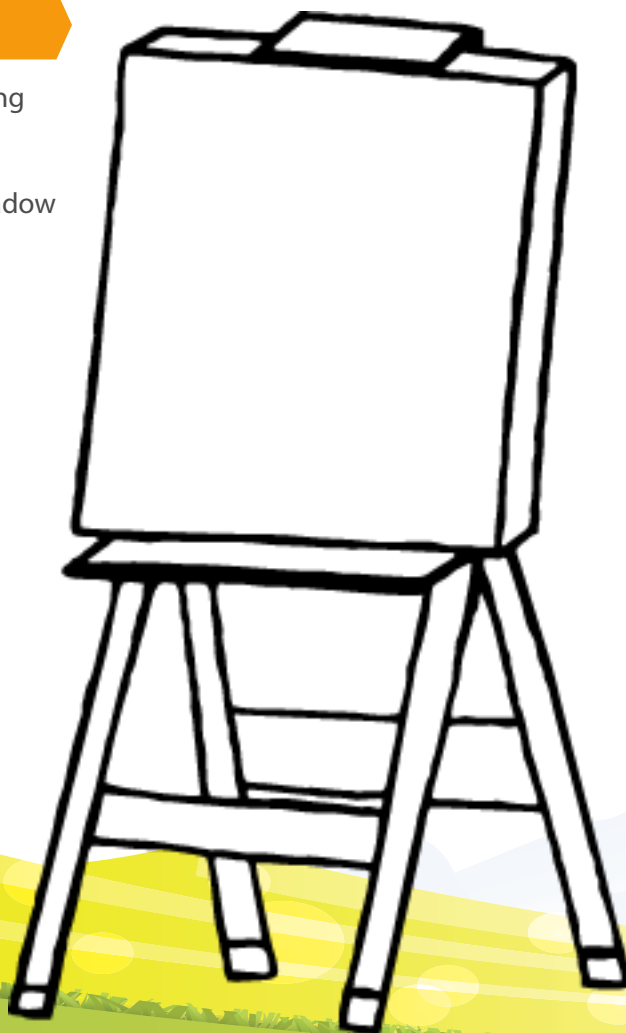
Spain: (Spanish) “bienvenido”

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.