



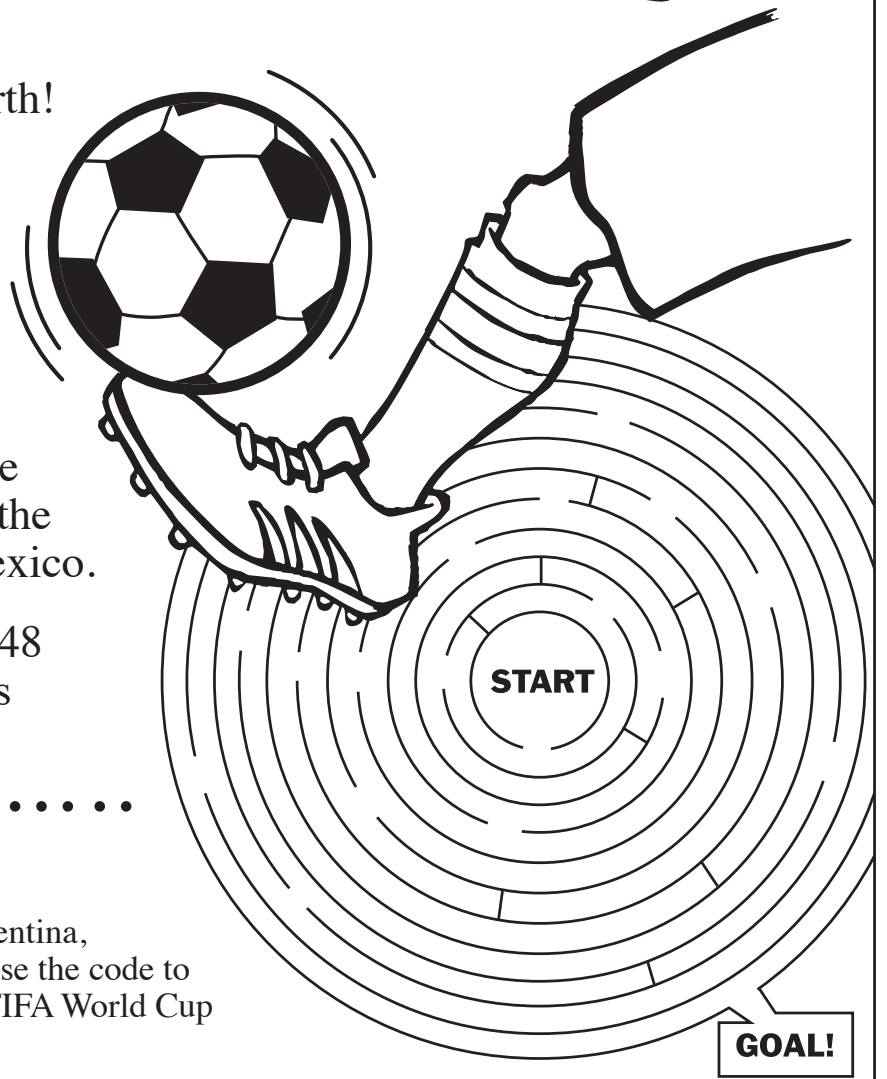
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# 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

Get ready for one of the biggest sporting events on Earth! **The FIFA World Cup** brings together the best soccer teams from around the world to compete for the championship trophy.

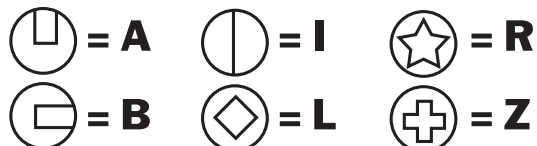
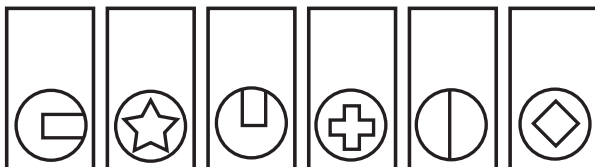
The World Cup happens every four years. This year, the tournament will be hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Millions of fans will cheer as 48 teams compete to win soccer's biggest prize!



## Big Winners

The current holder of the trophy is Argentina, winner of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Use the code to discover the country that has won the FIFA World Cup championship five times.

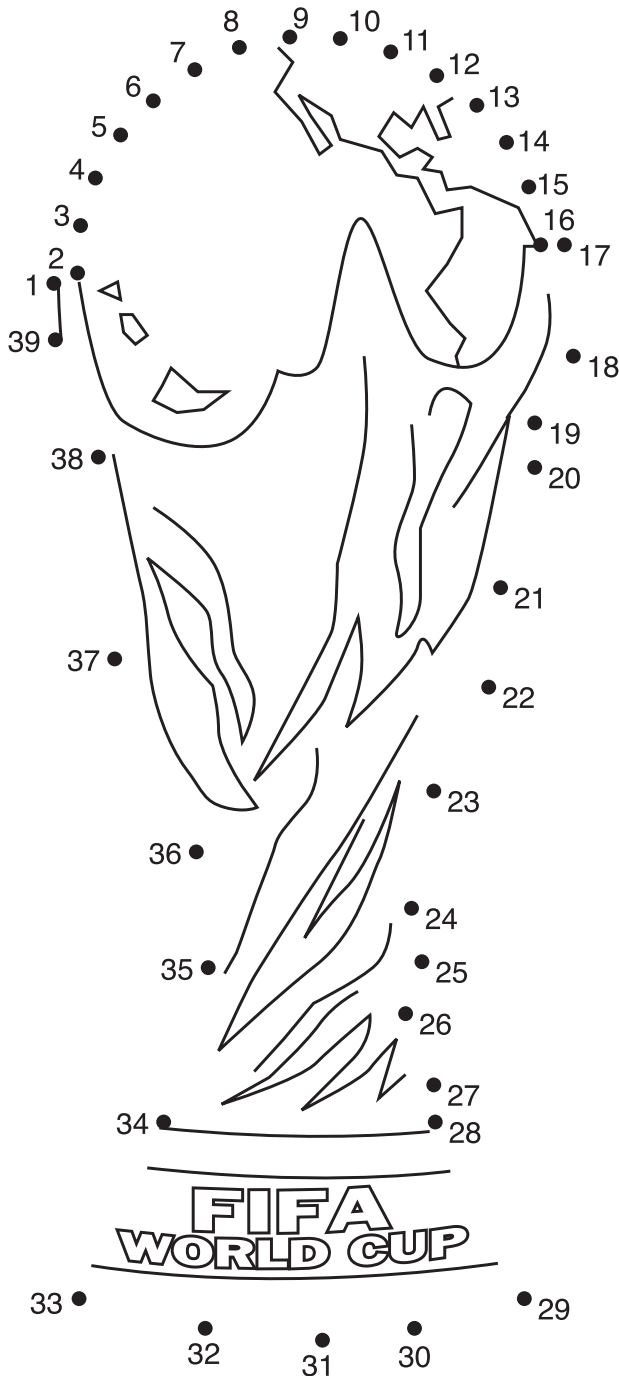




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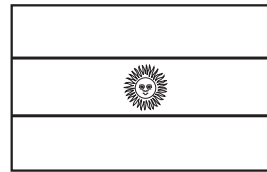
## What does the World Cup look like?

The World Cup trophy is 14.5 inches tall and weighs 13.5 pounds. It is made of 18 carat gold with a malachite base. **Connect the dots to see what it looks like.**

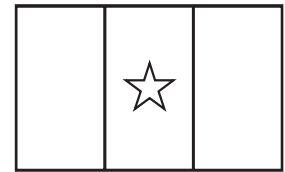


## Who competes for the World Cup?

Here are flags of just some of the 211 countries that compete for the World Cup. Unscramble the name of each country. *HINT: Use a world map for help.*



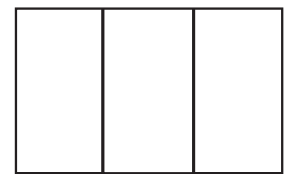
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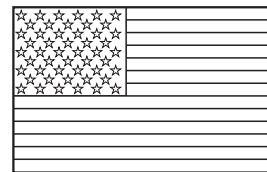
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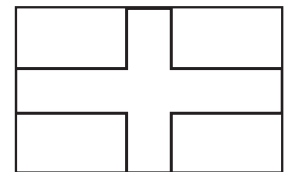
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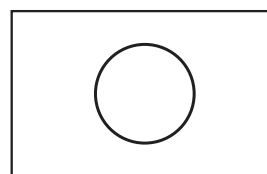
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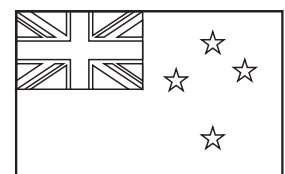
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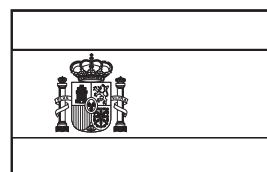
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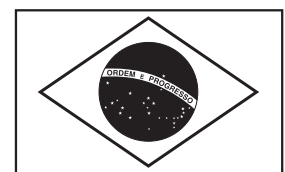
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**LIRZAB**

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.



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## Kid Scoop Together

Find the differences between these two soccer players. Then have a family member try it. Who found the most differences?



**Why is soccer the coolest sport?**

**ANSWER:** Because it has fans around the world!

**Why did the soccer player bring string to the match?**

**ANSWER:** He was hoping to tie the game.

**Can you play soccer with pigs?**

**ANSWER:** No. They always hog the ball!

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## ABCs of Sports

Look through the newspaper for the names of 10 or more sports. Cut out these words and paste them on another sheet in alphabetical order.

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**Standards Link:** Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.



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## Puzzler



Cut out the various sentence sections, put them in the correct order and then glue them onto a piece of paper.

**But when the game first arrived in**

**The rest of the world calls it football.**

**game Americans already played here.**

**wouldn't confuse it with the football**

**needed a new name so that people**

**the United States from Europe, it**

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Understand that languages use patterns to communicate.

## VOCABULARY BUILDERS

### TROPHY

The noun **trophy** means a special prize (usually a statue or shiny cup) to celebrate a win or success.

Cassie won a shiny **trophy** for first place in bowling.

Try to use the word **trophy** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



**Where is the best place to shop for a soccer shirt?**



**ANSWER:** New Jersey.





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## Kid Scoop Jumbo Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.  
Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

BEST  
CHEER  
CUP  
FANS  
FLAGS  
GOAL  
GOLD  
MAP  
PRIZE  
READY  
SPORTS  
SOCCER  
TROPHY  
WON  
WORLD  
YEAR

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

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words.  
Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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## Answers

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**Big Winners**  
Brazil



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### Page 2

**Who competes for the World Cup?**

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Argentina     | Cameroon    |
| Germany       | Italy       |
| United States | England     |
| Japan         | New Zealand |
| Spain         | Brazil      |

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**Puzzler**

The rest of the world calls it football. But when the game first arrived in the United States from Europe, it needed a new name so that people wouldn't confuse it with the football game Americans already played here.