



✓ Answer Key — FIFA World Cup 2026

READING PASSAGE

No answers required — this is a reading page.

? COMPREHENSION

1. Three countries: Canada, the United States, and Mexico.
2. 48 national teams (up from the usual 32).
3. It is the first time three nations have shared hosting duties, and it features 48 teams instead of 32.
4. Two humans holding up the Earth, representing people from all nations coming together through sport.

VOCABULARY

Tournament:	A series of games in which many teams compete to find an overall winner.
Host:	A country or city that organizes and provides the facilities for a major event.
Champion:	The winner of a competition or tournament.
Stadium:	A large sports arena with tiers of seats for spectators.
Qualify:	To earn the right to enter a competition by meeting certain standards.
International:	Involving or relating to two or more countries.

FILL IN THE BLANK

1. four
2. Canada
3. 48
4. Trophy
5. gold

MATH PROBLEMS

1. 1,104 players
 $48 \times 23 = 1,104$
2. 6.5 matches (some cities host 6, others host 7)
 $104 \div 16 = 6.5$
3. About 13.2 pounds
 $6 \times 2.2 = 13.2$ pounds
4. 3.92 billion people
 $3.5 \times 1.12 = 3.92$ billion

DATA TABLE

1. Estadio Azteca in Mexico City (87,523).
2. Three: New York/NJ, Los Angeles, and Dallas.
3. $82,500 - 45,736 = 36,764$ seats.

WRITING PROMPT

See student response.

TIMELINE — CORRECT ORDER

1. **1863** — The Football Association (FA) is founded in England, creating the first official rules of soccer.
2. **1904** — FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) is founded in Paris, France.
3. **1930** — The first FIFA World Cup is held in Uruguay. Uruguay wins the championship.
4. **1950** — The World Cup resumes after WWII. Uruguay upsets heavily-favored Brazil in the final match.
5. **1970** — Brazil wins their third World Cup, earning the right to keep the Jules Rimet Trophy permanently.
6. **1994** — The USA hosts the World Cup for the first time. Brazil wins the tournament.
7. **2026** — The FIFA World Cup is co-hosted by USA, Canada, and Mexico — the first three-nation hosting in history.

SEQUENCING — CORRECT ORDER

1. The referee tosses a coin to decide which team kicks off first.
2. Both teams shake hands and take their positions on the field.
3. The starting whistle blows and the match begins!
4. A player scores a goal and the crowd goes wild.
5. At halftime, players rest while coaches share strategy.
6. The referee blows the final whistle — the match is over!

MATCHING

1. **Brazil** → South America
2. **Germany** → Europe
3. **Nigeria** → Africa
4. **Japan** → Asia
5. **Australia** → Oceania
6. **Canada** → North America

SORTING

North America: **Canada, United States, Mexico, Jamaica, Costa Rica**

South America: **Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay**

Europe: **Germany, France, Spain, Italy, England**

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

1. **Brazil**
2. **Pentagons and hexagons**
3. **90 minutes**
4. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

🔍 WORD SEARCH

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

✏️ CROSSWORD

Across

2. **JERSEY** Colored uniform worn by players (6)
6. **CHAMPION** The tournament winner earns this title (8)
8. **FIFA** Soccer's world governing body, abbr. (4)
9. **GOAL** What a player scores in soccer (4)

Down

1. **FOUR** The World Cup is held every ____ years (4)
3. **STADIUM** Large arena where matches are played (7)
4. **SOCCER** The sport played on a grass field (6)
5. **KICK** Players do this to move the ball (4)
6. **CANADA** Co-host country north of the USA (6)
7. **PENALTY** Kick awarded for a foul inside the penalty box (7)

🔄 WORD SCRAMBLE

1. LOAG → **GOAL**
2. EAMT → **TEAM**
3. LREAYP → **PLAYER**
4. EEREREF → **REFEREE**
5. MTUADSII → **STADIUM**
6. MOICNAPH → **CHAMPION**

🧐 MYSTERY RIDDLE

The FIFA World Cup Trophy

🔑 CRACK THE SOCCER CODE!

1. **WORLD CUP**
2. **GOAL**
3. **SOCCER**
4. **TEAM**
5. **GOLDEN CUP**

LOGIC GRID

Review student work against the clues.

◆ PATTERN COMPLETION

1. $2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow 10$
2.  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow ? \rightarrow$    
3. $10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 30 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow 50$
4. $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow ? \rightarrow 21$

BALANCE SCALE

1. 3
2. 14
3. 8
4. 15

EMOJI MATH

1.  +  = 10
2.  -  = 7
3.  $\times$  = 15
4.  +  +  = 18
5.  $\times$  -  = 25

▲ NUMBER PYRAMID

0
0 0
8 0 10
3 5 2 8

✨ MAGIC SQUARE (SUM = 15)

2 0 6
0 5 0
4 3 0

SUDOKU

Solution grid included with PDF generation (Phase 2).

+ MATH CROSSWORD

Across

1. 94 $100 - 6$
3. 28 4×7
5. 48 8×6
7. 24 $144 \div 6$

Down

2. 42 6×7
4. 84 12×7
6. 82 $90 - 8$
8. 49 7×7

○ TIC-TAC-TOE

No answer key — this is a bonus activity.

DRAW IT

See student drawing.

😊 JOKES

No answer key — this is a fun page!