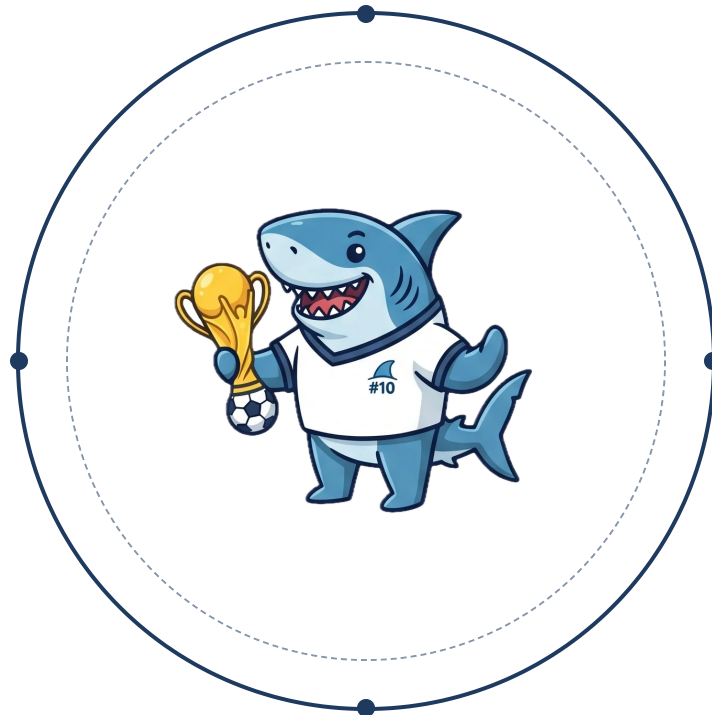


✦ ACTIVITY WORKBOOK ✦



FIFA World Cup 2026

The world's biggest soccer tournament comes to North America!

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The 2026 FIFA World Cup is a **historic soccer tournament** co-hosted by three countries: Canada, the United States, and Mexico. This is the first time three nations have ever shared hosting duties for the World Cup.

The tournament will feature **48 national teams** — up from the usual 32. That means 16 more countries will get to compete on the world stage! A total of **104 matches** will be played across 16 host cities, including cities like New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, and Mexico City.

Soccer (called "football" in most of the world) is the most popular sport on the planet. Billions of people in over 200 countries watch the World Cup every four years. Players train their whole lives for a chance to represent their country in this tournament.

The winning team gets to lift the **FIFA World Cup Trophy**, made of solid 18-carat gold. The trophy weighs about 6 kilograms (13 pounds) and stands 36 centimeters tall. It shows two humans holding up the Earth, representing people from all nations coming together through sport.



Reading Comprehension

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Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. How many countries are co-hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

2. How many national teams will compete in the 2026 World Cup?

3. What is unique about the 2026 World Cup compared to past tournaments?

4. What does the FIFA World Cup Trophy represent?





World Cup Vocabulary

FIFA World Cup 2026

Write the definition for each word in your own words.

Tournament

definition

Host

definition

Champion

definition

Stadium

definition

Qualify

definition

International

definition



Fill in the Blank

FIFA World Cup 2026

Use the word bank to complete the passage. Write each word in the correct blank.

Word Bank: four Canada 48 Trophy gold

The FIFA World Cup is held every _____ years. In 2026, the tournament will be hosted by three countries: _____, the United States, and Mexico. A total of _____ national teams will compete. The winning team gets to lift the FIFA World Cup _____, which is made of solid _____.

Solve each problem. Show your work in the space provided.

1. The 2026 World Cup has 48 teams. If each team brings 23 players, how many players attend the tournament in total?

Answer: _____

2. There are 104 total matches spread across 16 host cities. If every city hosts the same number of matches, how many matches does each city host?

Answer: _____

3. The FIFA World Cup Trophy weighs 6 kilograms. There are about 2.2 pounds in 1 kilogram. About how many pounds does the trophy weigh?

Answer: _____

4. If 3.5 billion people watched the 2022 World Cup and viewership grows by 12% for 2026, how many people are expected to watch in 2026?

Answer: _____





World Cup Host Cities

FIFA World Cup 2026

City	Country	Stadium	Capacity
New York / NJ	USA	MetLife Stadium	82,500
Los Angeles	USA	SoFi Stadium	70,240
Mexico City	Mexico	Estadio Azteca	87,523
Dallas	USA	AT&T Stadium	80,000
Toronto	Canada	BMO Field	45,736

Use the table to answer these questions.

1. Which stadium has the largest seating capacity?

2. How many host cities in this table are in the USA?

3. What is the difference in capacity between MetLife Stadium and BMO Field?



Write About It!

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Imagine you are a reporter covering the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Write a short article about the tournament. Include where it is being held, why it is special, and what you think makes soccer so popular around the world.



Soccer History Timeline

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These events are out of order. Write the correct order number (1, 2, 3...) in each box.

?

The Football Association (FA) is founded in England, creating the first official rules of soccer.

?

FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) is founded in Paris, France.

?

The first FIFA World Cup is held in Uruguay. Uruguay wins the championship.

?

The World Cup resumes after WWII. Uruguay upsets heavily-favored Brazil in the final match.

?

Brazil wins their third World Cup, earning the right to keep the Jules Rimet Trophy permanently.

?

The USA hosts the World Cup for the first time. Brazil wins the tournament.

?

The FIFA World Cup is co-hosted by USA, Canada, and Mexico — the first three-nation hosting in history.



Number the boxes 1–6 to put these World Cup match events in the correct order from first to last.

The referee tosses a coin to decide which team kicks off first.

Both teams shake hands and take their positions on the field.

The starting whistle blows and the match begins!

A player scores a goal and the crowd goes wild.

At halftime, players rest while coaches share strategy.

The referee blows the final whistle — the match is over!



Match: Country to Continent

FIFA World Cup 2026

Match each item on the left with the correct item on the right. Write the matching letter in the blank.

1. _____ Brazil
2. _____ Germany
3. _____ Nigeria
4. _____ Japan
5. _____ Australia
6. _____ Canada

- A. South America
- B. Europe
- C. Africa
- D. Asia
- E. Oceania
- F. North America



Sort It: Host Continents

FIFA World Cup 2026

Sort each word from the word bank into the correct category.

Word Bank: Canada United States Mexico Jamaica Costa
Rica Brazil Argentina Colombia Chile Uruguay Germany France Spain Italy England

North America

South America

Europe





Circle the correct answer for each question!

1. Which country has won the most FIFA World Cup titles?

- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Argentina

2. A traditional soccer ball is made of which shapes?

- ☐ Only hexagons
- ☐ Pentagons and hexagons
- ☐ Triangles and squares
- ☐ Only circles

3. How long is a standard soccer match?

- ☐ 60 minutes
- ☐ 80 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes
- ☐ 120 minutes

4. What does FIFA stand for?

- ☐ Football International Federation Association
- ☐ Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- ☐ Federal International Football Agency
- ☐ Football Is For All



World Cup Word Search

FIFA World Cup 2026

Find and circle all the hidden words in the grid.

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
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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

FIND THESE WORDS

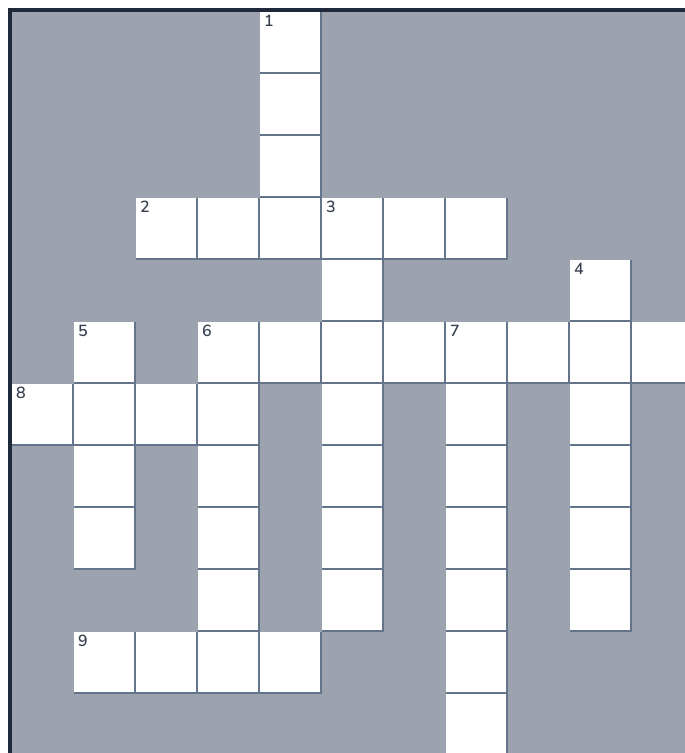
FIFA WORLD CUP SOCCER TEAM GOAL HOST CANADA USA MEXICO STADIUM
PLAYER



World Cup Crossword

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Fill in the crossword using the clues below.



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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





Soccer Word Scramble

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Unscramble each word. Write the correct spelling on the line.

1. LOAG

2. EAMT

3. LREAYP

4. EEREREF

5. MTUADSII

6. MOICNAPH



Mystery Riddle

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I am made of solid gold and weigh about as much as a house cat. Every four years, I travel to a different country. I have been held by only 8 nations in history, and no team may keep me forever — champions receive a special copy instead. Two figures on my surface reach upward, holding the entire world between them. What am I?

Use these clues:

1. I stand 36 centimeters tall and was redesigned in 1974 by Italian sculptor Silvio Gazzaniga.
2. I am made of 18-carat gold and weigh approximately 6 kilograms.
3. Millions of people dream their entire lives of one day lifting me above their heads.
4. I represent unity: people of all nations coming together through sport.

My answer: _____





Crack the Soccer Code!

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Use the key below to decode each secret message. Write the letters on the blank lines.

KEY: A= C= D= E= G= I= L= M= N= O= P= R= S= T=
U= W=

MESSAGE 1



Decoded: _____

MESSAGE 2



Decoded: _____

MESSAGE 3



Decoded: _____

MESSAGE 4



Decoded: _____

MESSAGE 5



Decoded: _____



Who Plays What Position?

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Use the clues to fill in the logic grid. Mark ✓ for YES and ✗ for NO.

1. Emma does not play goalkeeper.
2. Lucas scored the most goals this season, so he must play striker.
3. Aisha stands in front of the goal to protect it from the other team.
4. The remaining player takes the middle position on the field.

	Goalkeeper	Midfielder	Striker
Emma			
Lucas			
Aisha			

What Comes Next?

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Find the pattern and write what comes next.

2	4	6	8	?	→	
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			?	→	
---	---	---	---	---	--

10	20	30	40	?	→	
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1	3	6	10	15	?	→	
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Balance the Scale

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Find the missing value that balances each scale.

6×4



$8 \times ?$

? = _____

$25 - 7$



$? + 4$

? = _____

$48 \div 6$



$? \times 1$

? = _____

3×9



$? + 12$

? = _____



Emoji Math: Soccer Edition

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Each emoji has a value. Use the key to solve each equation.

$$\text{⚽} = 5 \quad \text{🏆} = 10 \quad \text{★} = 3$$

1. $\text{⚽} + \text{⚽} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. $\text{🏆} - \text{★} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $\text{⚽} \times \text{★} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

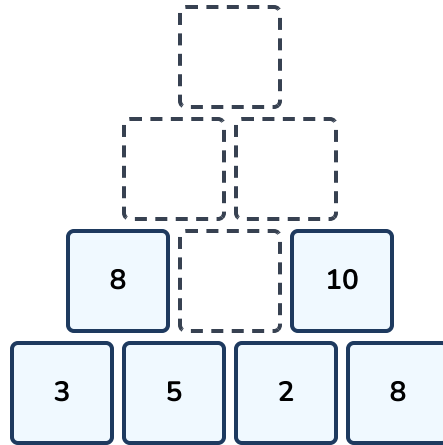
4. $\text{🏆} + \text{⚽} + \text{★} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

5. $\text{🏆} \times \text{★} - \text{⚽} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

▲ Number Pyramid

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Each block is the sum of the two blocks below it. Fill in the missing numbers.



✨ Magic Square (Sum = 15)

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Fill in the missing numbers so every row, column, and diagonal adds up to **15**.

2		6
	5	
4	3	



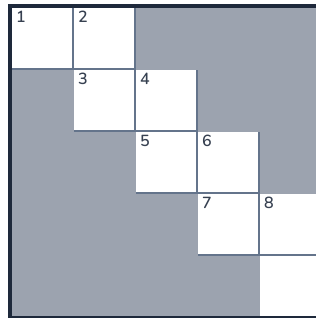
Sudoku Challenge

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Fill in the grid so every row, column, and 3×3 box contains the numbers 1–9.

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

Solve each math problem and write the answer in the grid — one digit per box.



ACROSS

1. $100 - 6$
3. 4×7
5. 8×6
7. $144 \div 6$

DOWN

2. 6×7
4. 12×7
6. $90 - 8$
8. 7×7



Tic-Tac-Toe: Take a Break!

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Play 3 games with a partner. Will you win 2 out of 3?

Game 1

Game 2

Game 3



Draw It!

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Design your own soccer team jersey! Draw the front of the jersey and color it in. Add your team name and your favorite number.



Think about your team's colors and what makes your design unique. You can add stripes, patterns, badges, or special designs!



Laugh Break: Soccer Jokes!

FIFA World Cup 2026

Share a laugh! Read each joke aloud.



Why did the soccer ball go to school?



Because it wanted to get a kick out of education!



Why can't Cinderella play soccer?



Because she always runs away from the ball!



What do soccer players eat for a snack?



Corner kicks — they're always on the go!



Why was the soccer pitch always wet?



Because the players kept dribbling on it!



Check Your Answers Online!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to check your answers and find more fun activities on Shark Learning.



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or scan the QR code above

 Keep practising — great things take time! ★