



# THE WORLD CUP:

## PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE



We use different tenses to talk about football.  
Look at the rules, examples and do the activities! ★

### PRESENT SIMPLE

✓ Facts, general truths habits and routines.

- ⚽ The World Cup takes place every four years.
- ⚽ Many countries participate in the World Cup.
- ⚽ Football fans love this tournament.



### PRESENT CONTINUOUS

✓ Actions happening now, at the moment.

- ⚽ Fans **are watching** the match right now.
- ⚽ Players **are training** for the next game.
- ⚽ The teams **are preparing** for the World Cup.



### PAST SIMPLE

✓ Completed actions in the past.

- ⚽ Argentina **won** the World Cup in 2022.
- ⚽ Messi **scored** two goals in the final.
- ⚽ The fans **celebrated** all night!



#### 1 CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.

1. The World Cup ( takes / is taking / took ) place every four years.
2. Fans ( love / are loving / loved ) football.
3. The match ( starts / is starting / started ) at 6 p.m.
4. Right now, I ( watch / am watching / watched ) the World Cup.
5. Brazil ( wins / is winning / won ) the World Cup five times.
6. They ( play / are playing / played ) really well yesterday.



#### 2 PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT TENSE.

1. The players \_\_\_\_\_ (train) every day.
2. Look! The fans \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) for their team.
3. France \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the World Cup in 2018.
4. Right now, they \_\_\_\_\_ (play) an amazing match.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the highlights from the game yesterday.
6. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Qatar for the tournament.



#### 3 WRITE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT TENSE.

1. (team / prepare / for the match)



2. (fans / watch / the game / now)



3. (the final / finish / last night)



#### 4 READ THE SITUATIONS AND WRITE WHAT IS TRUE FOR YOU.

- ♥ My favorite team in the World Cup \_\_\_\_\_
- 👥 I am watching the World Cup with \_\_\_\_\_
- 📺 The best match I saw was \_\_\_\_\_
- 👕 My favorite player is \_\_\_\_\_
- 😊 Last World Cup, I felt \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5 LOOK AT THE TIMELINE AND WRITE SENTENCES USING PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS OR PAST SIMPLE.



PRESENT SIMPLE



PRESENT CONTINUOUS



PAST SIMPLE

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6 TALK ABOUT THE WORLD CUP!



What teams usually participate in the World Cup?



What are fans doing now?



What was the last World Cup winner?

What did you do yesterday to watch the match?

#### WORD BANK

##### VERBS

watch • play • win • score • celebrate  
train • prepare • start • finish

##### NOUNS

team • match • fan • goal • stadium  
tournament • cup • victory

