The History of the FIFA World Cup

The FIFA World Cup is the most important football tournament in the world. It is organized by **FIFA** every four years and brings together the best national teams from different countries.

The first World Cup started in 1930 in Uruguay. Only 13 teams participated in that tournament, and Uruguay became the first world champion after defeating Argentina in the final.

Over the years, the World Cup has become one of the biggest sporting events on the planet. Legendary countries such as Brazil, Germany, Argentina, and Italy have won the trophy and created unforgettable football moments.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be very special because it will be hosted by three countries for the first time in history: Mexico, Canada, and United States. In addition, 48 national teams will participate instead of 32.

Some of the countries that will participate in the 2026 edition are Mexico, Canada, the United States, Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Spain, Japan, Morocco, Egypt, Portugal, Uruguay, Colombia, and many others from all around the world.

Mexico will make history because it will become the first country to host the FIFA World Cup three times, after organizing the tournaments in 1970 and 1986. Football fans around the world are excited to enjoy this great celebration of sport, culture, and international friendship.

Match the words with the correct meaning

Word	Meaning
1. World Cup	a. A country that wins
2. Team	b. A group of players
3. Champion	c. A football tournament
4. FIFA	d. The football organization

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text and write TRUE or FALSE

1. The first World Cup was in 1930. _____
2. Uruguay won the first World Cup. _____
3. The 2026 World Cup will be in Brazil only. _____
4. Mexico hosted the World Cup before. _____
5. There will be 48 teams in 2026. _____

Read the text and complete the sentences with the correct word. Use the words in the box

Mexico – FIFA – Uruguay – 2026 - football

1. The World Cup is a _____ tournament.
2. The first World Cup was in _____.
3. _____ organizes the World Cup.
4. The next World Cup will be in _____.
5. _____ will host the World Cup again.

Read the text and answer the questions

1. When did the first FIFA World Cup start?

   _____

2. Which country won the first World Cup?

   _____

3. Why will the 2026 World Cup be special?

   _____

4. Which three countries will host the tournament?

   _____

5. How many teams will participate in 2026?

   _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Match the words with the correct image

Soccer ball *Stadium* *Host* *Team* *International Federation of Association Football* *World Cup*

Answer the next questions

1. What is your favorite football team?

   _____

2. Which country do you think will win the 2026 World Cup?

   _____

3. Would you like to watch a World Cup match in Mexico? Why?

   _____

Choose the correct answer

1. The first FIFA World Cup was hosted in:

a) Mexico b) Brazil c) Uruguay d) Argentina

2. The 2026 World Cup will include:

a) 24 teams b) 32 teams c) 40 teams d) 48 teams

3. Mexico previously hosted the World Cup in:

a) 1970 and 1986 b) 1990 and 2002 c) 1966 and 1974 d) 2010 and 2014

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text again and put these events in order

- Mexico hosts the World Cup for the first time.
- The first FIFA World Cup begins.
- The 2026 World Cup takes place.
- Uruguay wins the first World Cup.

Mexico – Canada - United States – Argentina – Brazil – England – France – Germany – Spain – Japan – Morocco – Egypt – Portugal – Uruguay – Colombia

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