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)



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



_____

3. (the final / finish / last night)



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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

LIVEWORKSHEETS