

⚽ Reading: The 2026 World Cup!

The FIFA World Cup is the biggest soccer tournament in the world. This summer, the tournament is very special because there are three host countries: the USA, Mexico, and Canada.

Forty-eight teams play in the tournament. Millions of fans watch the matches on TV and in big stadiums. Every fan wants their team to score goals and win the famous gold trophy.

Spanish fans are very excited this year. Spain has a fantastic team with young, fast players. Many children dream of playing in the World Cup one day!

✍ Activity 1: Vocabulary Match

Instruction: Draw a line to match the word with the correct meaning.

- **Host country** → A person who loves a soccer team.
- **Match** → The place where the tournament takes place.
- **Fan** → A single game between two teams.

✖ Activity 2: True or False?

Instruction: Circle the correct answer.

- The 2026 World Cup is in only one country. (**True / False**)
- There are 48 teams in the tournament. (**True / False**)
- Spain has a team with old players. (**True / False**)

🗣 Activity 3: Grammar - Compare the Teams!

Instruction: Write the missing word. Use the adjective in brackets (like *bigger than*, *faster than*).

- Spain's stadium is _____ (**big**) my school soccer field.
- Lamine Yamal is _____ (**young**) many other players in the tournament.
- A soccer match is _____ (**long**) a tennis game.
- Football is _____ (**popular**) basketball in Spain.

Activity 4: Grammar - What are they doing right now?

Instruction: Complete the sentences using the **Present Continuous** (like *is running*, *are singing*). [1]

- Look! The striker (**run**) _____ very fast with the ball.
 - The fans in the stadium (**sing**) _____ a song for Spain.
 - The goalkeeper (**not sleep**) _____, he is watching the ball!
 - [Question] _____ the referee (**blow**) _____ his whistle?
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Activity 5: Writing Challenge

Write 3 short sentences about your favorite soccer player. Use these questions to help you:

- *What is his/her name?*
- *What team does he/she play for?*
- *Why do you like this player?*