

# WORLD CUP 2026 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be the biggest tournament in football history. For the first time, 48 teams will participate instead of 32. This change means more competition, more matches, and more opportunities for countries that rarely qualify.

The tournament will be hosted by three nations: the United States, Canada and Mexico. It will be the first World Cup spread across an entire continent, with matches played in huge modern stadiums such as MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, Estadio Azteca in Mexico City, and BMO Field in Toronto.

Another important feature of this World Cup is the 104-match schedule, almost double the number from previous tournaments. This means more travel, more fatigue and a greater need for deep, well-prepared squads.

The official mascots are a group of friendly, colorful characters representing the idea of diversity, unity and celebration. Each mascot highlights different cultural elements from North America, symbolizing how the three host countries will work together.

As for the favorites, every continent has strong contenders. From South America, Argentina and Brazil remain top candidates, thanks to their history, talent and passionate fans. In Europe, teams like France and England are expected to perform extremely well due to their strong leagues and experienced players. In Asia, nations such as Japan and South Korea continue to grow and surprise the world with fast, disciplined gameplay. Africa also has rising giants: Morocco and Senegal could easily reach advanced stages after their recent impressive performances.

With more teams, more games and more pressure, the 2026 World Cup promises to be the most unpredictable and exciting edition ever.

## WRITE T (TRUE) OR F (FALSE).

- THE 2026 WORLD CUP WILL INCLUDE 48 TEAMS.
- ONLY ONE COUNTRY WILL HOST THE TOURNAMENT.
- THERE WILL BE MORE MATCHES THAN IN PREVIOUS WORLD CUPS.
- THE MASCOTS REPRESENT CULTURAL DIVERSITY.
- SOUTH AMERICA HAS NO STRONG CONTENDERS FOR THE TITLE.



## EXPLAIN EACH WORD IN YOUR OWN WORDS, USING FULL SENTENCES.

- CONTENDER: \_\_\_\_\_
- UNPREDICTABLE: \_\_\_\_\_
- FATIGUE: \_\_\_\_\_
- WELL-PREPARED: \_\_\_\_\_
- SCHEDULE: \_\_\_\_\_

## REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING THE WORD IN BRACKETS. KEEP THE SAME MEANING.

- THE WORLD CUP WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. ( UNPREDICTABLE )  
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- ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL HAVE STRONG CHANCES OF WINNING. ( CONTENDERS )  
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- PLAYERS WILL FEEL TIRED AFTER TRAVELING SO MUCH. ( FATIGUE )  
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- TEAMS MUST BE READY FOR LONG TRAVEL AND MANY MATCHES. ( WELL-PREPARED )  
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- THE TOURNAMENT HAS A VERY INTENSE PLAN OF GAMES. ( SCHEDULE )  
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