



2026 FIFA WORLD CUP



FRIENDS TALKING ABOUT FOOTBALL

Emma, Lucas,
Sofia and Daniel

Emma: Have you been following the news about the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

Lucas: Absolutely! I'm really excited about it. It's going to be the biggest World Cup ever.

Sofia: That's right. For the first time, 48 teams will participate instead of 32.

Daniel: And it's being hosted by three countries: Canada, Mexico, and United States. I think that's amazing.

Emma: It will definitely make the tournament unique. There will be matches in many different cities across North America.

Lucas: I wonder which teams will surprise everyone this time. Every World Cup has at least one unexpected success story.

Sofia: True. I also think the larger number of teams will give more countries a chance to compete on the world stage.

Daniel: That's one of the things I like most about the new format. Smaller football nations will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience.

Emma: Do you think a traditional powerhouse like Brazil, Argentina, or Germany will win again?

Lucas: It's possible, but football is becoming more competitive every year. Teams that were considered outsiders in the past are now much stronger.

Sofia: I agree. Look at recent tournaments. Several underdog teams reached the later stages and challenged the favourites.

Daniel: Personally, I'm looking forward to watching young players. Every World Cup introduces new stars to the world.

Emma: That's one of the best parts! Fans get to discover talented players they didn't know before.

Lucas: And do not forget the atmosphere. The fans, the celebrations, and the international spirit make the World Cup special.

Sofia: Exactly. It's not only about football; it's also about culture, friendship, and bringing people together.

Daniel: June can't come soon enough! I can't wait for the opening match.

Emma: Same here. It's going to be an unforgettable tournament.





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READ THE CONVERSATION AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.



1. Multiple Choice.

Circle the correct answer.

- How many teams will participate in the 2026 FIFA World Cup?
a) 32 b) 48 c) 64
- Which countries are hosting the tournament?
a) Canada, Mexico, and Brazil
b) Mexico, United States, and Argentina
c) Canada, Mexico, and United States
- What is one thing that makes this tournament unique?
a) It is only in Europe.
b) There will be matches in many cities across North America.
c) It will have fewer teams.
- What do the friends think will happen with smaller football nations?
a) They will get fewer opportunities.
b) They will have a chance to gain valuable experience.
c) They won't qualify.
- What do they say about football today?
a) It is less competitive than before.
b) It is becoming more competitive every year.
c) Only a few teams are strong.

3. True or False.

Write T (true) or F (false).

- ___ The 2026 World Cup will have 32 teams.
- ___ The tournament will be hosted in three countries.
- ___ The friends believe football is becoming less competitive.
- ___ Smaller football nations will have a chance to gain experience.
- ___ Daniel wants to see young players in the World Cup.
- ___ The World Cup is only about football.

2. Short Answer.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Who are the speakers in the conversation?

- How many countries will host the 2026 World Cup?

- Why does Emma think the tournament will be unique?

- What do Lucas and Sofia say about underdog teams?

- What is Daniel excited to see in the tournament?

4. Open-Ended.

Answer the questions with your own ideas.

- Which team do you think could be a surprise in the 2026 World Cup? Why?

- Do you think a traditional powerhouse will win again? Why or why not?

- What do you think makes the World Cup special?



REMEMBER:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is more than just a game. It's about culture, friendship, and bringing people together!

