

# WONDERFUL WORLD

We're going to kick off with a fact you definitely know: football is the most popular sport in the world. Over 250 million people play football, and billions watch the game on TV. The tournament we look forward to the most is the World Cup, when the best footballing nations compete against each other. It only comes around every four years, but like everything that you need patience for, it's worth the wait when it arrives. Nothing is more exciting than watching your country play in a World Cup. We love it!

The World Cup has been held every four years since 1930, almost a century ago, with only one small break between 1938 and 1950. The Women's World Cup has been held every four years since 1991. That's a lot of matches, stadiums, goals and heroes to talk about – and we're going to be learning all about the glory and heartbreak in this book. But to begin with, we're going on a global tour around all the countries that have hosted this amazing event. Got your passports? All aboard!



1. **Uruguay hosted and won the first ever World Cup in 1930. It is also the country that has the most what per person in the world?**

- a) Toilet paper
- b) Copies of *Football School*
- c) Manchester United replica shirts
- d) Cows



2. **Every match in the 1930 World Cup took place in Uruguay's capital city. What is its name?**

- a) Montevideo
- b) Montephone
- c) Monteradio
- d) Monteyoutube

3. **Italy hosted the second World Cup in 1934. FIFA promised that it would switch continents for the next one, but changed its mind and the third World Cup took place in 1938 in another European country, France. Which two teams were so upset they refused to play?**

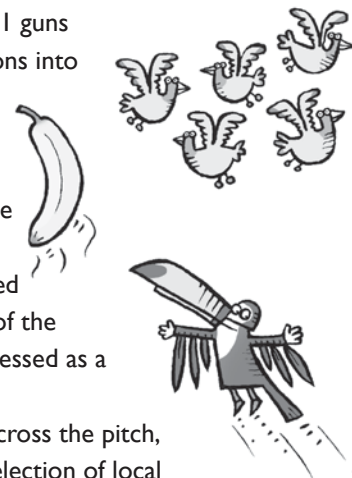
- a) France and Italy
- b) Italy and Brazil
- c) England and Argentina
- d) Argentina and Uruguay

4. **The World Cup has been held every four years since 1930 except for a gap between 1938 and 1950. This was because:**

- a) It rained non-stop for 12 years.
- b) Many countries were fighting in the Second World War from 1939 to 1945.
- c) Everyone was too busy playing cricket.
- d) FIFA lost the trophy and were really embarrassed.

5. **Brazil hosted the World Cup for the first time in 1950. In what two ways did Brazilian soldiers salute the Brazil team when they came out to play their opening match?**

- a) They shot blanks from 21 guns and released 5,000 pigeons into the air.
- b) They launched a giant inflatable banana and performed a street dance to the national anthem.
- c) They drove a tank painted yellow onto the centre of the pitch, and fired a man dressed as a toucan out the top.
- d) They spread out a flag across the pitch, and released onto it a selection of local wildlife including armadillos, anteaters, tapirs, sloths, macaques, caimans, spiders and beetles.



6. These countries are all World Cup hosts.  
Find each country on the map.

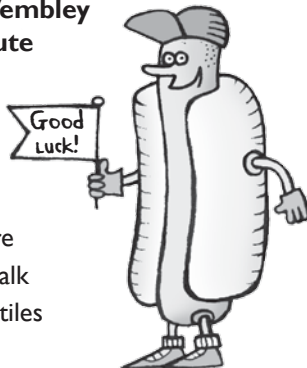
YEAR	HOST
1930	Uruguay
1934	Italy
1938	France
1950	Brazil
1954	Switzerland
1958	Sweden
1962	Chile
1966	England
1970	Mexico
1974	West Germany
1978	Argentina
1982	Spain
1986	Mexico
1990	Italy
1994	USA
1998	France
2002	Japan/ South Korea
2006	Germany
2010	South Africa
2014	Brazil
2018	Russia
2022	Qatar





**7. England beat West Germany 4–2 in the 1966 World Cup final, played on home soil at Wembley Stadium. What did England substitute Ian Callaghan keep in his pocket during the game?**

- a) A German sausage that he stroked for good luck
- b) The hairbrush of captain Bobby Moore
- c) Coach Alf Ramsey's pre-match team talk
- d) The false teeth of teammate Nobby Stiles



**8. Victory against West Germany in the 1966 final is the only time England have won the trophy. The match is also special because of which of the following facts, which still holds true to this day?**

- a) The highest attendance at a World Cup final
- b) The most watched football match in English TV history, with 32 million viewers tuning in
- c) The only time World Cup winners have worn white shorts
- d) The only time West Germany have lost a World Cup final

**9. The 1974 World Cup was held in West Germany. It was also the only time that two German teams took part, as the country at that time was split in two for political reasons. West Germany won the tournament but they lost in the group stages to the other German team. What was it called?**

- a) North Germany
- b) Prussia
- c) South Germany
- d) East Germany

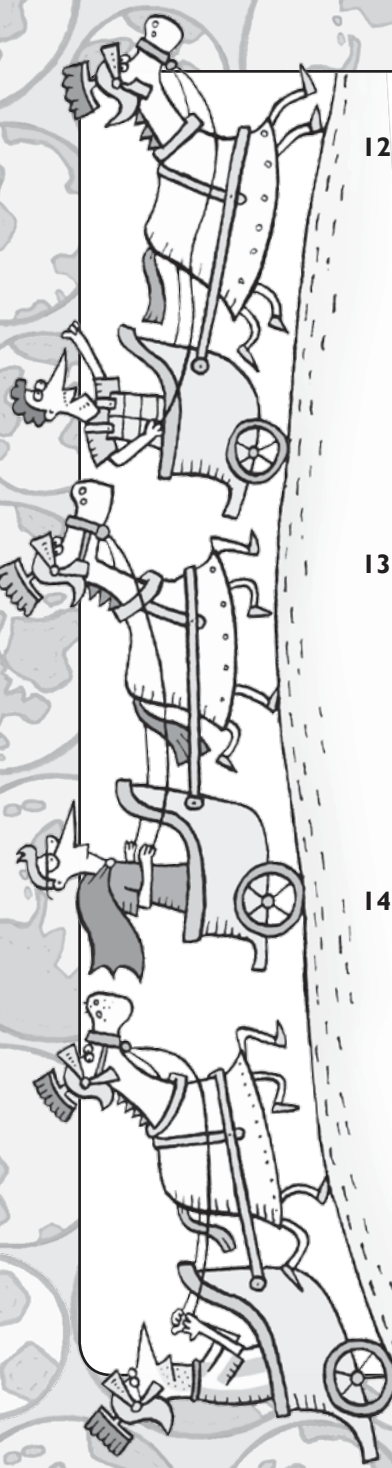
**10. Colombia won the right to host the 1986 World Cup but withdrew four years before the tournament began. What reason did president Belisario Betancur give for the decision?**

- a) He preferred baseball to football.
- b) The country did not have enough money to host the event.
- c) He was worried Colombia might lose every match.
- d) He did not like Colombia's kit.



**11. Which Asian country was the first to host a World Cup, staging the women's competition in 1991?**

- a) Japan
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Vietnam

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12. What FIFA competition is played exactly a year before the World Cup? Since 2005 it has been held in the nation that will host the World Cup as a trial run for the bigger tournament.

a) Rehearsal Cup  
b) One-More-Year Cup  
c) Cuppy Cup  
d) Confederations Cup

13. Which World Cup host country produced the tournament's biggest average crowds of over 65,000 per match?

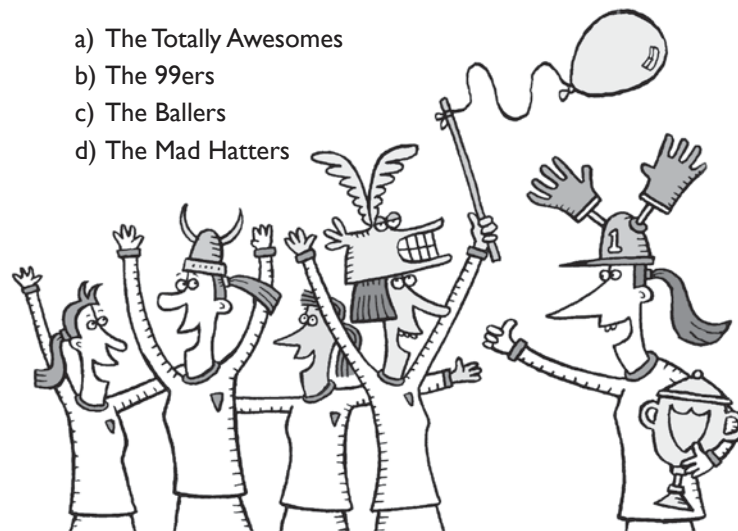
a) Brazil (1950)  
b) USA (1994)  
c) Germany (2006)  
d) Brazil (2014)

14. The Italian capital city Rome hosted the 1990 World Cup final. The biggest sports venue of ancient Rome was called the Circus Maximus, which had a capacity of approximately 250,000 people. What sport took place there?

a) Football  
b) Clown racing  
c) Rhythmic gymnastics  
d) Chariot racing

15. USA became the first host country to win the Women's World Cup on home soil in 1999. What was the team's nickname?

a) The Totally Awesomes  
b) The 99ers  
c) The Ballers  
d) The Mad Hatters



16. Why was the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea unique?

a) It was the first and only time two countries have jointly hosted the tournament.  
b) It was the first and only time FIFA organized a singing competition for fans.  
c) It was the first and only time mascots were used as assistant referees.  
d) It was the first and only time players were allowed to wear fancy dress.



17. Complete the sentence from Jürgen Klinsmann, who coached the 2006 World Cup host Germany, and went on to coach USA in the 2014 World Cup. After Germany finished third in 2006, he said:

"Everyone feels that the national team is ..."

- a) "The team of the most handsome boys in the land."
- b) "A bunch of losers."
- c) "The best in the world."
- d) "Their team."



18. What is unusual about the World Cup 2018 host city Kaliningrad?

- a) It's the first World Cup city to have 11 letters in its name.
- b) It is in an area of Russia sandwiched between Poland and Lithuania, which is not connected to the Russian mainland.
- c) Its footballers wear linen jerseys.
- d) The city's emblem is a football.

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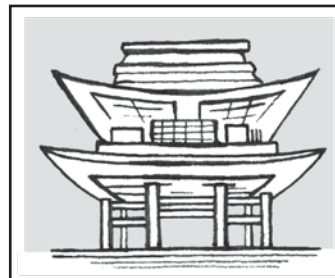
19. Which country does not border France, host of the 2019 Women's World Cup?

- a) Belgium
- b) Italy
- c) Germany
- d) Netherlands

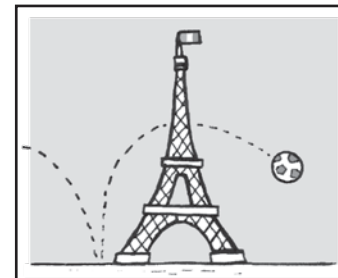
20. Match the famous landmark to the city that has hosted a World Cup final.

- a) Rio, Brazil
- c) Yokohama, Japan
- e) California, USA
- b) Munich, Germany
- d) Paris, France
- f) London, UK

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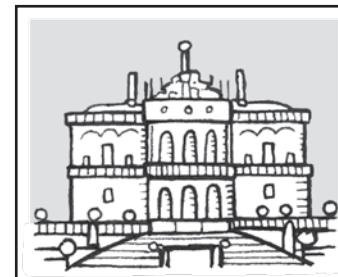
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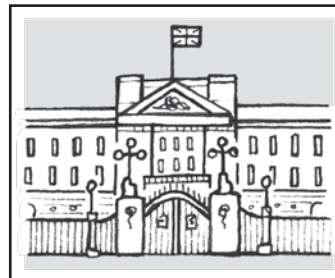
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