

## WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

### Discuss:

Did you watch the World Cup on TV? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Did you expect France to win? If yes, why? If no, why not?

Did you watch/take part in the celebrations after France's victory? If yes, why? If no, why not?

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**Complete the sentences** below with a verb from list, in the correct form. You can use each verb more than once.

*beat do go play practise support win*

1. I don't really like \_\_\_\_\_ sport – I prefer reading or watching TV.
2. It doesn't matter if your opponent \_\_\_\_\_ you; playing is the most important thing.
3. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ any teams, but I do have some favourite sports people.
4. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ team games rather than individual sports.
5. If you want to get good at a sport, it's important to \_\_\_\_\_ regularly – at least three times a week.
6. If I could \_\_\_\_\_ any important sports competition, I would choose the World Cup.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ cycling is a great way to get around the city, while getting some exercise.

*Answers: 1. doing/playing (to do/to play) 2. beats 3. support 4. playing (to play) 5. practise 6. win 7. Going*

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**World Cup quiz** (select the correct answer in each case - and give a brief reason for your answer)

Q1: Which was the first team to win the World Cup in 1930?

a. Brazil b. Germany c. Uruguay

Q2: Which country has won the most World Cups?

a. Italy b. England c. Brazil

Q3: What is the biggest number of goals scored in a World Cup tournament?

a. 56 b. 143 c. 171

Q4: What percentage of the world's population watched the 2014 World Cup on TV?

- a. almost 27% b. almost 50% c. almost 67%

Q5: How many World Cups have there been since the first one in 1930?

- a. 20 b. 23 c. 24

Q6: Which country will host the 2022 World Cup?

- a. Costa Rica b. China c. Qatar

Q7: Which of these countries has NOT won a World Cup tournament?

- a. France b. The USA c. England

Q8: How much money did the winning team receive from FIFA this World Cup?

- a. 1 million dollars  
b. 3.8 million dollars  
c. 38 million dollars

Q9: Which team scored ten goals in a single group match in 1982?

- a. Hungary  
b. Spain  
c. Italy

Q10: Which country has reached the final three times, but has never won the World Cup?

- a. Portugal  
b. The Netherlands  
c. Poland

*Answers:*

*Q1: c. Uruguay*

*Q2: c. Brazil (They have won five times.)*

*Q3: c. 171 (in the 2014 World Cup)*

*Q4: b. almost 50% (3.2 billion people watched)*

*Q5: a. 20 (This year is the 21st; normally they are every four years, but there have been some breaks during World Wars.)*

*Q6: c. Qatar*

*Q7: b. The USA*

*Q8: c. 38 million dollars*

*Q9: a. Hungary*

*Q10: b. The Netherlands*

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