

## 2026 FIFA World Cup (June 11, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**What?** The 2026 FIFA World Cup, the biggest football tournament on the planet, organized every four years by FIFA. 🏆

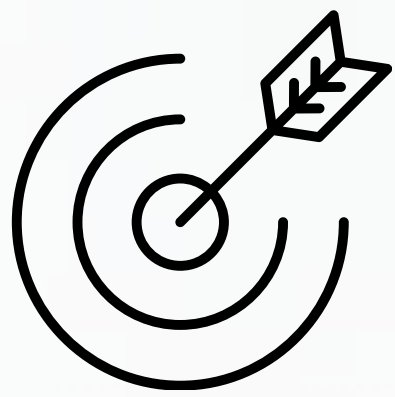
**Who?** 48 national teams from six continents, competing to win the most prestigious trophy in the world's most popular sport.

**Where?** In 16 cities spread across three countries: the United States, Mexico, and Canada. This is the first time in history that a World Cup has been co-hosted by three countries.

**When?** From June 11 to July 19, 2026. The opening match is in Mexico City, and the grand final will be played at MetLife Stadium, near New York City.

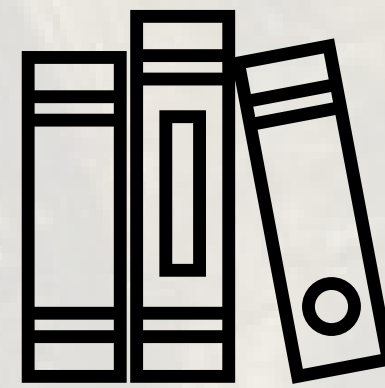
**Why is it important?** Because it's a record-breaking edition: for the first time, 48 teams are participating instead of 32, resulting in a total of 104 matches. The World Cup is the most-watched sporting event on Earth—billions of people follow it on television and the internet.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the 2026 World Cup.** 🏆



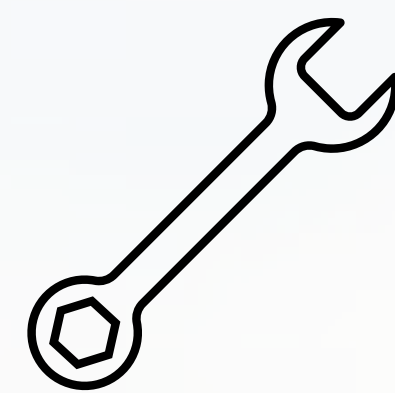
### OBJECTIVES

- Understand the organization and operation of the FIFA World Cup
- Read and interpret data from tables and graphs
- Perform simple calculations (subtraction, counting)
- Search for and select information on the internet
- Develop critical thinking skills and formulate an opinion



### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture**
  - Geography (countries, cities, continents)
  - Contemporary international events
  - Cultural diversity
- **Mathematics**
  - Reading tables and graphs
  - Simple calculations (subtraction, counting)
- **English**
  - Understanding instructions
  - Reading information
  - Research



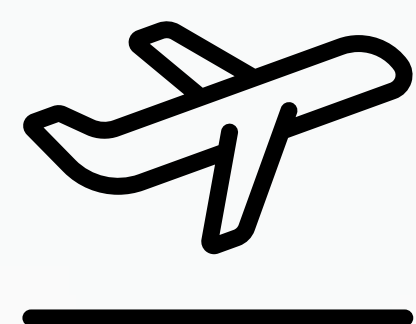
### COMPETENCIES

- Researching and interpreting information
- Solving problems
- Analyzing situations
- Organizing ideas
- Producing a structured response



### DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they are familiar with the FIFA World Cup.
- Ask them if they know the reigning champion country.
- Discuss: Why is the World Cup the most-watched sporting event in the world?
- Gather their predictions: Who will win this year?
- Ask if they can name any famous players.

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### STEP 1 — The World Cup: What You Need To Know!

Watching of a short a video about the 2026 World Cup and answers to four comprehension questions.

**Q1 — The United States, Mexico, and Canada.**

**Q2 — Uzbekistan, Jordan, Curaçao and Cape Verde**

**Q3 — Every four years.**

**Q4 — 48 teams in 2026. There were 32 in 2022.**

**STEP 2 — A Coveted Title.** Reading of a table and a graph about World Cup champions, then answers to five questions.

**Q5 — There have been 22 World Cups.**

**Q6 — Brazil and Italy.**

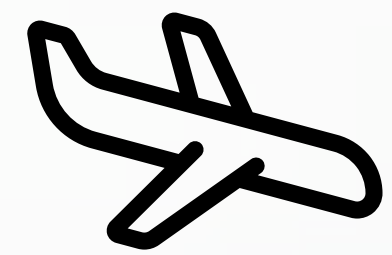
**Q7 — 2018 - 1998 = 20 years!**

**Q8 — 2026 - 1966 = 60 years!**

**Q9 — Answer may vary.**

**STEP 3 — And The Winner of the Golden Boot Is...** Discovery of the candidates for the Golden Boot on the FIFA website, choice of a player from the five proposed, then search for information on Wikipedia and filling out an identity form.

### Variable answers



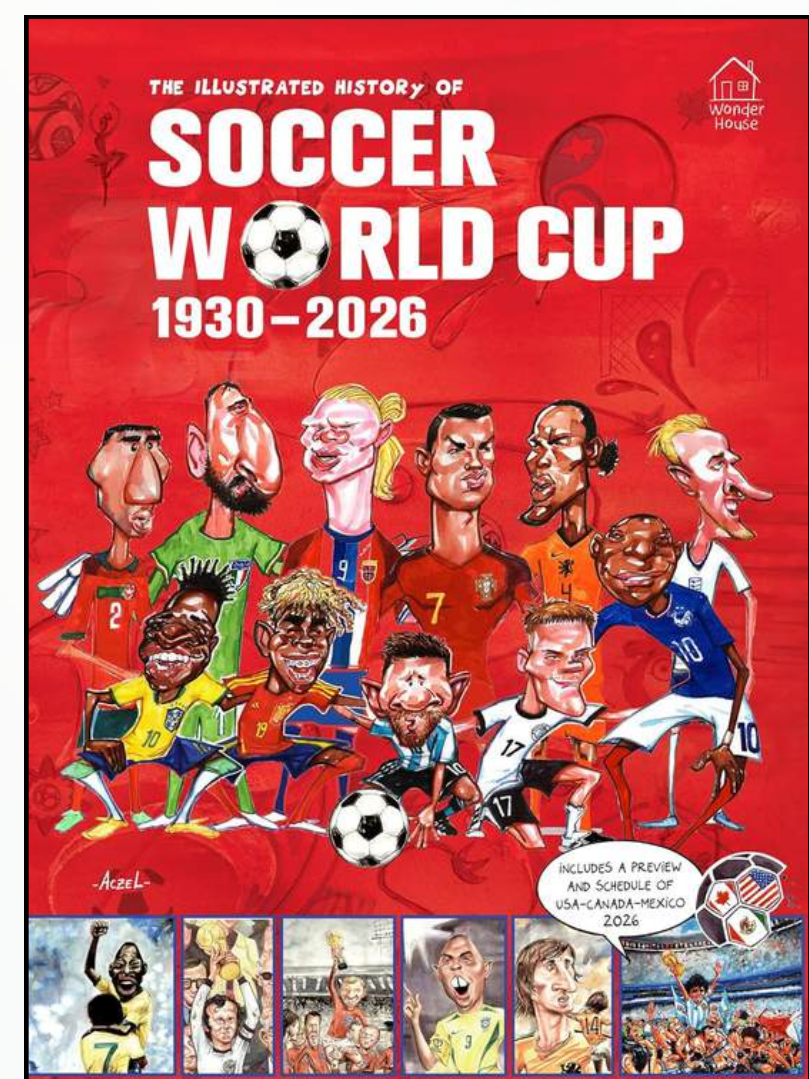
### WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the number of teams, the three host countries, the records).
- Ask: Why does a football tournament bring together so many countries and spectators?
- Compare the students' predictions: Who is the class favorite?



### FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Germán Aczel. *The Illustrated History of Soccer World Cup 1930-2026*. Wonder House Books



1. JAPAN

2. BOOT

3. WAR

4. QATAR

5. URUGUAY

6. ENGLAND

7. BRAZIL

8. ITALY

9. SWEDEN

10. SPAIN

11. FIFA

12. ARGENTINA

13. FRANCE

14. GERMANY

15. SOUTH

16. SWITZERLAND

17. MEXICO

18. CANADA

19. CANCELLED

20. KOREA

**Countries sought:**

**PORTUGAL, SPAIN, MOROCCO**

**These three countries will host the next World Cup in 2030.**



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### The mystery word of the World Cup

Using the two tables below, complete the mystery word. The answers are all in the tables.

Once the grid is filled, the yellow squares will reveal the names of three countries.

(Do you know what the connection is between these three countries and the World Cup?)

### The champions of the FIFA World Cup

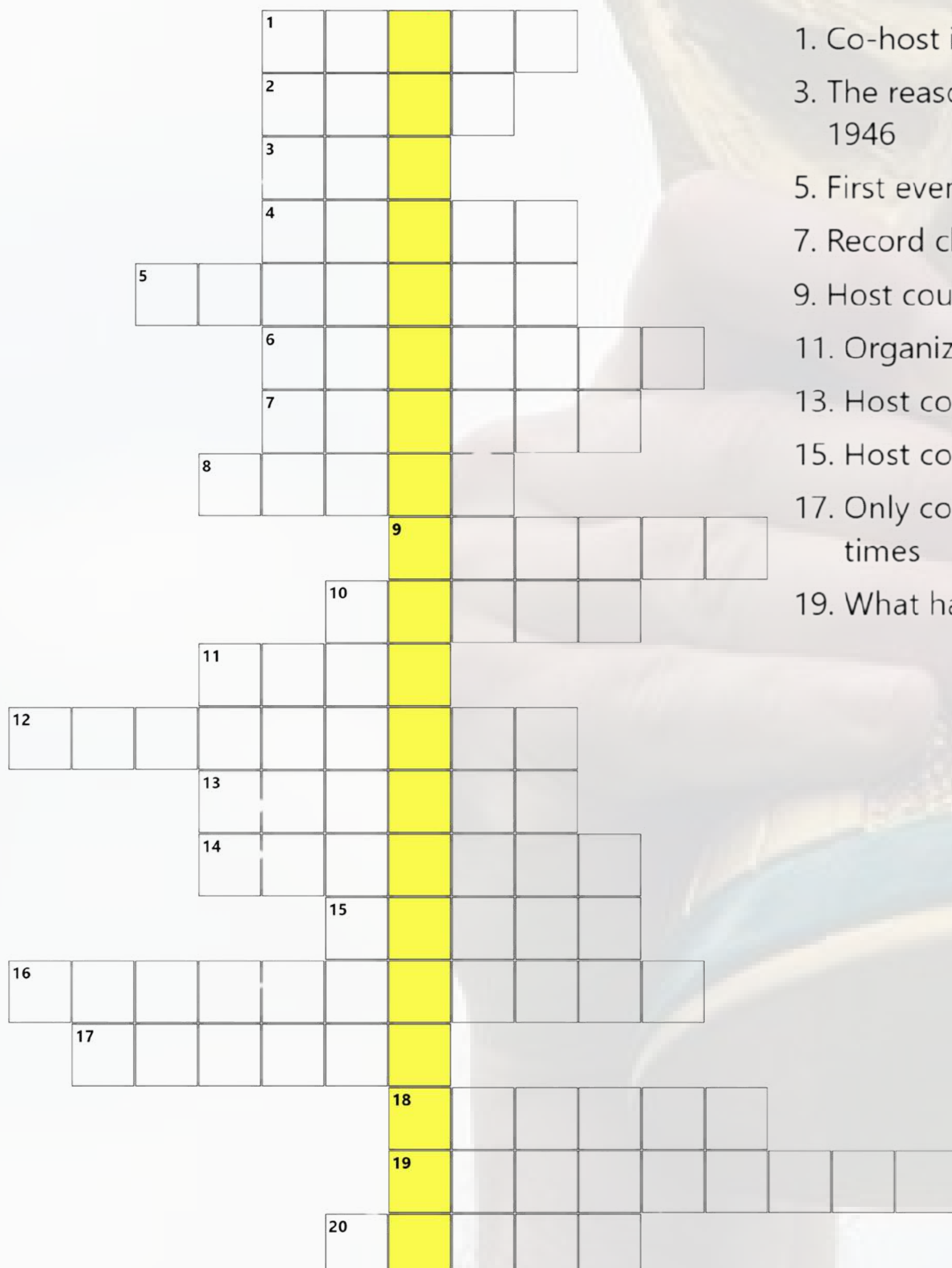


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| 1930 — Uruguay         | 1978 — Argentina |
| 1934 — Italy           | 1982 — Italy     |
| 1938 — Italy           | 1986 — Argentina |
| 1942 — Cancelled (war) | 1990 — Germany   |
| 1946 — Cancelled (war) | 1994 — Brazil    |
| 1950 — Uruguay         | 1998 — France    |
| 1954 — Germany         | 2002 — Brazil    |
| 1958 — Brazil          | 2006 — Italy     |
| 1962 — Brazil          | 2010 — Spain     |
| 1966 — England         | 2014 — Germany   |
| 1970 — Brazil          | 2018 — France    |
| 1974 — Germany         | 2022 — Argentina |

### The host countries of the FIFA World Cup



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1930 — Uruguay         | 1978 — Argentina         |
| 1934 — Italy           | 1982 — Spain             |
| 1938 — France          | 1986 — Mexico            |
| 1942 — Cancelled (war) | 1990 — Italy             |
| 1946 — Cancelled (war) | 1994 — United States     |
| 1950 — Brazil          | 1998 — France            |
| 1954 — Switzerland     | 2002 — South Korea/Japan |
| 1958 — Sweden          | 2006 — Germany           |
| 1962 — Chile           | 2010 — South Africa      |
| 1966 — England         | 2014 — Brazil            |
| 1970 — Mexico          | 2018 — Russia            |
| 1974 — Germany         | 2022 — Qatar             |



1. Co-host in 2002, in Asia
3. The reason the World Cup was cancelled in 1942 and 1946
5. First ever champion, in 1930
7. Record champion with five titles
9. Host country in 1958, finalist at home
11. Organization that runs the World Cup
13. Host country AND champion in 1998
15. Host country in 2010 (... Africa)
17. Only country to have hosted the competition three times
19. What happened to the World Cup in 1942 and 1946

2. The top scorer's award (Golden ...)
4. Smallest host country in history, in 2022
6. One title, won at home in 1966
8. Four stars, but absent from the 2026 tournament
10. Champion once, in 2010
12. Reigning champion since 2022
14. Four titles and twice host country
16. Host country in 1954
18. Co-host for the first time in 2026
20. The other co-host of 2002 (... South)