

Spain Are Champions! (July 20, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? Spain's victory in the final of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the biggest football tournament on the planet. 🏆

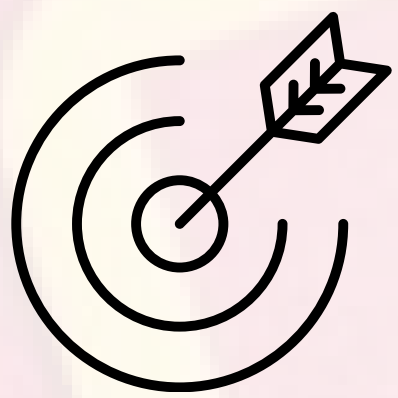
Who? The Spanish national team, nicknamed La Roja, beat Argentina thanks to a goal from their striker Ferran Torres.

Where? At MetLife Stadium, a huge stadium located in New Jersey, just outside New York City.

When? On Sunday, July 19, 2026, at the end of a month-long competition that began on June 11.

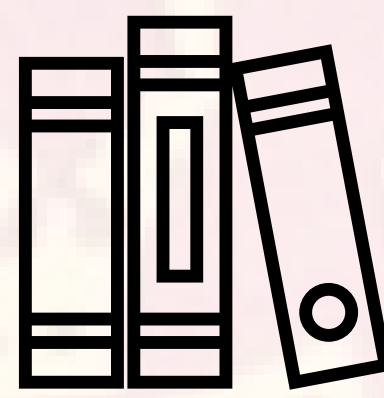
Why is it important? Because it's only the second time Spain has won the World Cup, after 2010, putting them level with France and Uruguay. 🏆

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the champions' return to Spain!**



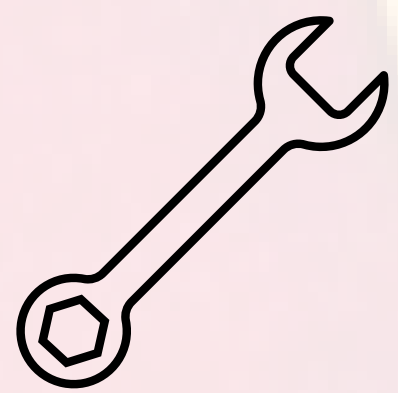
OBJECTIVES

- Discover Spain's victory in the 2026 World Cup final and the celebrations that followed in Madrid.
- Understand and retain information from a television news report.
- Discover the origin and meaning of the stars on jerseys.
- Read and interpret a bar graph.
- Calculate an average and write the equation that leads to it.
- Formulate a complete written explanation based on an informative text.



SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Listening and Understanding a News Report
 - Writing (Short Answers)
- **Mathematics**
 - Reading a Bar Graph
 - Arithmetic Mean
 - Comparing Numbers
- **Social Studies/Culture**
 - Countries and Cities of the World
 - Sporting Symbols and Traditions
 - Major International Events



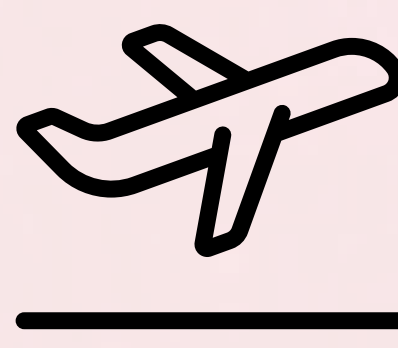
COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Read and understand an informational text
- Read and interpret a graph
- Perform simple calculations (average, subtraction, counting)
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they followed the 2026 World Cup and if they know which country won it.
- Ask them how a major sporting victory is celebrated, both in their country and elsewhere in the world.
- Show them a picture of a jersey and ask them what the small stars above the crest are for.
- Gather their hypotheses: Why do some countries have more than others?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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STEP 1 — A Fiesta in Spain! Watching of a France 24 report on the champions' return to Madrid, then answers to four multiple-choice questions.

Q1 — Approximately 2 million people.

Q2 — Shakira.

Q3 — For 16 years. (Spain won its first World Cup in 2010.)

Q4 — The King of Spain.

STEP 2 — A Tale of Stars. Reading of an informative text on the origin of the stars sewn on jerseys, then answers to four written questions.

Q5 — Juventus of Turin, in 1958, because they had just won their tenth national championship.

Q6 — Brazilian players only wore them during a trip to Europe in 1968; they disappeared immediately afterwards. It was not until Brazil's third title, in 1970, that they stayed for good.

Q7 — FIFA allows world champions to wear one star for each World Cup won. This is the only official rule: each club decides for itself.

Q8 — Its two additional stars recall his victories at the 1924 and 1928 Olympic Games, at a time when the World Cup did not yet exist.

STEP 3 — The Golden Boot. Reading of a graph showing the Golden Boot winners from 1998 to 2026, then answers to four questions combining data analysis and calculations.

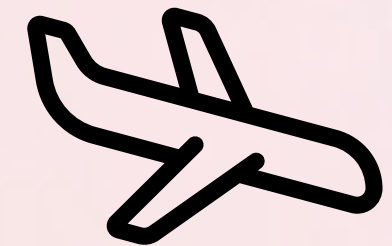
Q9 — $(6 + 8 + 5 + 5 + 6 + 6 + 8 + 10) \div 8 = 6.75$

Q10 — Three times: Ronaldo once (8 goals), and Mbappé twice (8 goals, then 10 goals).

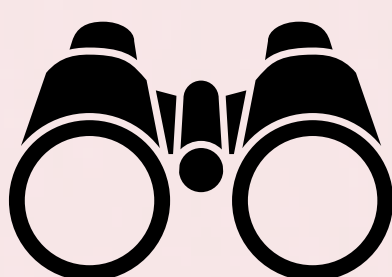
Q11 — Kylian Mbappé, in 2022 and 2026.

Q12 — Miroslav Klose, for Germany. (The 2006 World Cup was held in Germany.)

WRAPPING UP



- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (the 2 million people in Madrid, Uruguay's four stars, Mbappé's 10 goals).
- Ask: Why does a country value symbols of its victories so much?
- Connect these to other symbols they are familiar with (medals, trophies, championship banners).



FURTHER EXPLORATION

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

