

2026 Ballon d'Or Ceremony (October 27, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The Ballon d'Or—an award presented annually to the best female and male soccer players in the world.

Who? The Englishman Harry Kane, a forward for Bayern Munich, and the Spaniard Alexia Putellas, a midfielder for the London City Lionesses.

Where? At the London Palladium, a famous performance venue in London, England, which hosted the ceremony for the first time.

When? Monday, October 26, 2026, during the 70th edition of the Ballon d'Or.

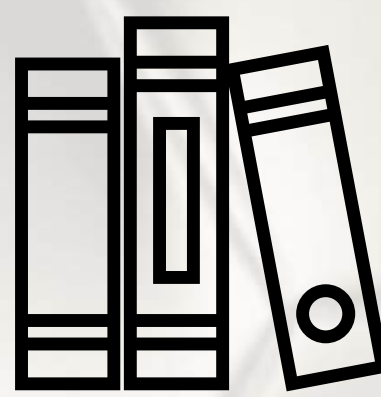
Why is it important? Kane has become the first English player to win the award in 25 years, while Putellas has claimed it for the third time—a remarkable achievement following a serious knee injury that had kept her off the pitch.

In this activity, your goal is to learn a bit more about the Ballon d'Or and the two great champions who won it this year.



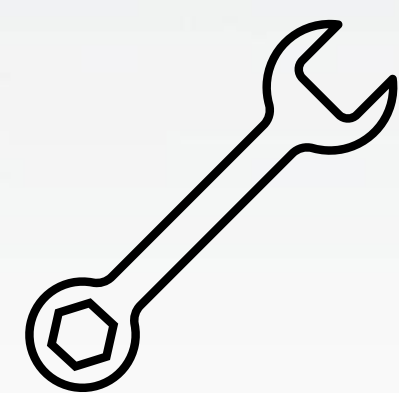
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the Ballon d'Or, soccer's most prestigious individual award
- Pick out key information from a video report
- Get to know the 2026 winners, Harry Kane and Alexia Putellas
- Find information in the infobox of a Wikipedia page to fill out a player card
- Discover the craftsmanship behind the making of the trophy
- Calculate the surface area and volume of a sphere (Explorers Plus)



SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Listening comprehension
 - Information research
 - Reading an informational text
- **Social Studies / Culture**
 - Sport and society
 - Geography of European countries
 - Craft trades
- **Mathematics**
 - Surface area and volume of a sphere
 - Radius and diameter
 - The number π



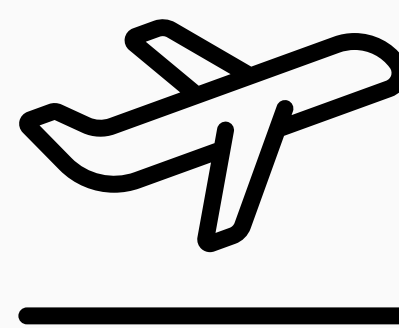
COMPETENCIES

- Understand an audiovisual document
- Search for and select information online
- Read and understand an informational text
- Organize information in a table
- Apply a mathematical formula



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the child if they know a famous soccer player
- Ask them how they think “the best player in the world” is chosen
- Show them a photo of the Ballon d'Or and ask whether they think it is made of solid gold
- Ask them which craft trades they know

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — An Anticipated Evening. Watching a short France 24 report on the Ballon d'Or ceremony, then answering four questions.

Q1 — Ronaldo, the Brazilian legend.

Q2 — 73 goals in 65 matches.

Q3 — 12 years.

Q4 — In 2021 and 2022.

STEP 2 — A Closer Look at Two Champions. Searching the infobox of each player's Wikipedia page to fill out their player card.

Kane — Harry Edward Kane · July 28, 1993 · Leytonstone, London, England (accept Walthamstow) · 1.88 m · Striker · Bayern Munich.

Putellas — Alèxia Putellas i Segura (accept Alexia Putellas Segura) · February 4, 1994 · Mollet del Vallès, Catalonia, Spain · 1.73 m (accept 1.75 m) · Midfielder · London City Lionesses.

STEP 3 — Inside the Ballon d'Or Workshop. Reading the page of the jeweler Mellerio, which makes the trophy, then answering five questions.

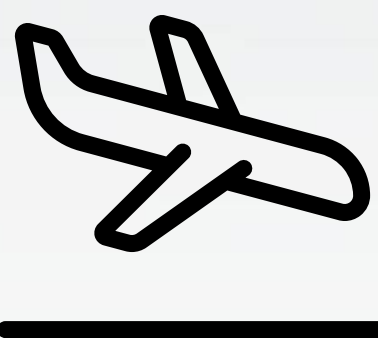
Q5 — Mellerio, founded in 1613.

Q6 — In 1956.

Q7 — Nearly 100 hours.

Q8 — Pyrite.

Q9 — The winner's name is hand-engraved.

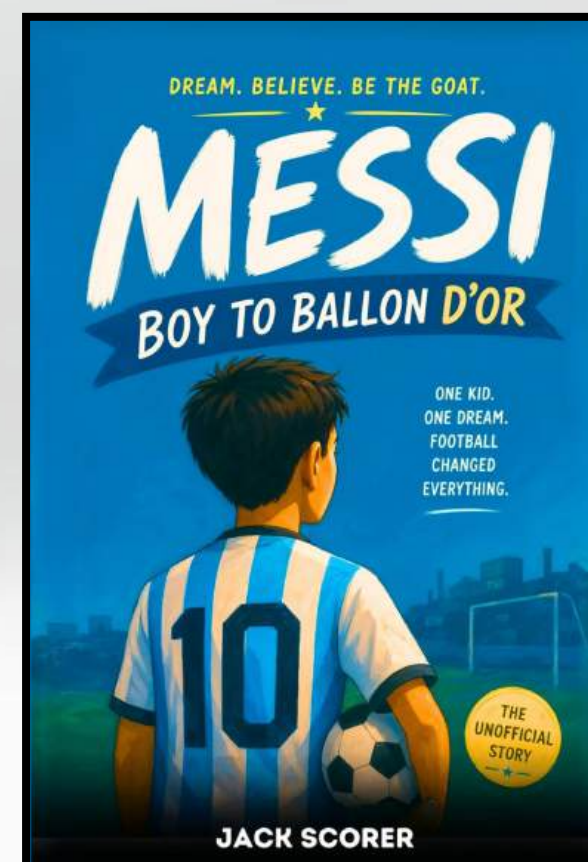


WRAPPING UP

- Review with the child what they have learned
- Ask them what surprised them most (a brass trophy, 100 hours of work, a pyrite base)
- Discuss: is it fair to reward a single player in a team sport?
- Invite them to draw a player card for their favorite athlete

FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Jack Scorer. *Messi: Boy to Ballon D'or*. Kick Books Publishing



EXPLORERS PLUS — Spheres, Surface Areas, and Volumes

Earth: ≈ 510 million km^2

$\approx 1,083$ billion km^3

Billiard ball: ≈ 102 cm^2

≈ 97 cm^3

Ping-pong ball: ≈ 50 cm^2

≈ 33 cm^3

($\pi = 3.14$ and $4/3$; also accept volumes calculated with 1.33)

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Spheres, Surface areas, and volumes

We have a great challenge for you today! You'll need to calculate the surface area and volume of some spheres! We'll show you how!

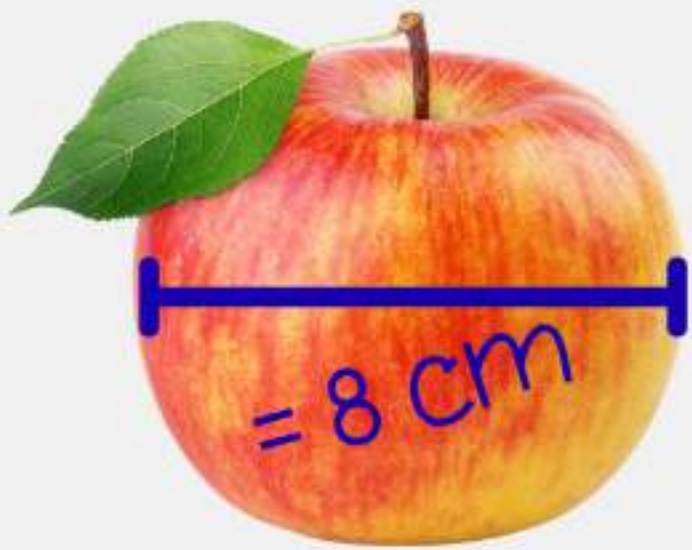
Here are the formulas we'll be using:

Surface area of a sphere: $4 \times \pi \times \text{radius}^2$

Volume of a sphere: $\frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times \text{radius}^3$

Reminder!
 $\pi = 3.14$

An example using an apple (assuming it is perfectly round!)



Surface area of the apple: $4 \times 3.14 \times 4^2$ (or 16) $\approx 201 \text{ cm}^2$
 Volume of the apple: $\frac{4}{3}$ (or 1.33) $\times \pi \times 4^3$ (or 64) $\approx 268 \text{ cm}^3$

Reminder!
Diameter = radius $\times 2$

Your turn!

Calculate the surface area and volume of the ball on the trophy!

Your answer should be approximately as follows:

Surface area of the ball: about $1,520 \text{ cm}^2$
 Volume of the ball: about $5,570 \text{ cm}^3$

Did you get these results?



You're now a pro at calculating the surface area and volume of a sphere!
 Do the same exercise (surface area and volume) for these spheres.

