

World Cup 2018

Task 1 – Vocabulary

Complete the sentences below with a verb from the box 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.

Task 2 – Discussion

With a partner, discuss the statements in Task 1. Do you agree or disagree? How would you modify the statement to make it true for you?

Task 3 – World Cup quiz

The World Cup begins in June this year – but how much do you know about this huge international tournament? Work in teams to answer the questions.

World Cup quiz

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 will 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*

Task 6 – Presentation

You will be given a country from this year's World Cup qualifying teams. In pairs, you will research information about that country and prepare a 5-minute presentation that you will give to the class.

You can include the following information:

A: The country

- Where is the country?
- What language(s) do they speak?
- What's the climate like?
- What are some of the typical dishes from this country?
- What are the most famous places in this country that people visit?
- Are there any famous football stadiums?

B: Football in this country

- What are the most popular football teams in the country?
- Are there any well-known players from this country? Which teams do they play for?
- Have they ever competed in or won a previous World Cup? When?
- Which group are they in? Can you predict where they will come in the group?
- How probable is it that they will win the World Cup?

Task 7 – Note-taking

As you listen to your classmates' presentations, take notes to answer the following questions:

- Which country would you most like to visit? Why?
- Which country do you think has the best chance of winning the World Cup? Why?
- Which country do you think will be eliminated first? Why?