

# Bring on the World!

## Day 1 Morning session: World Cup football... and the world

### Activity 1: Introduction to the World Cup

Age group: 9–11

**Time required:** 20 min

#### You will need:

- A world map to show to the class
- Globes or atlases for pupils
- If possible, a whiteboard linked to the [FIFA World Cup website](http://fifaworldcup.yahoo.com/06/en/w/team/index.html) (<http://fifaworldcup.yahoo.com/06/en/w/team/index.html>)
- List of **groups playing in the World Cup** (below) - one per pair of pupils

#### Aims

- To introduce pupils to the 2006 World Cup.
- To introduce pupils to the 32 countries playing in the finals.
- To help pupils develop mapwork skills.

#### What to do

Either give pupils the **list of groups playing in the World Cup** finals (below) or display it on a whiteboard.

Explain that this week the pupils are going to carry out work based on the World Cup. This should be welcome news for at least some! However, this topic is not just about football. In fact, most of it is about the world in which we live, and there will be plenty of interesting work for everyone.

Give a brief **outline of the World Cup** (see World Cup facts below) and then ask pupils to look through the groups of countries competing (32 in all). In pairs ask them to find each country in an atlas or on a globe, and beside each country write down the continent it is in. If you have a whiteboard with access to the internet, you could display the [FIFA webpage](#) showing where all the teams are from on a world map. Otherwise, display a world map and ask some pupils to point out some of the less familiar countries to the class.

Finish this activity by emphasising that the World Cup is a truly global event, with teams competing from all 6 inhabited continents.

## About the World Cup

This year's World Cup tournament is being held in Germany, beginning with two first-round matches on Friday 9 June 2006. The final will take place in Berlin on Sunday 9 July.

The World Cup is organised by FIFA (The World Federation of Football Associations, known by its French acronym). The first World Cup took place in Uruguay in 1930 and, apart from a break of 12 years (1938–50) owing to the Second World War, has taken place every four years ever since. The event has been held 11 times in Europe, four times in South America, twice in Central America, once in North America and once in Asia. It is now the most watched tournament in the world. In 1998, the tournament was shown on television in 200 countries, with 4 billion viewers from all around the world watching over the 33 days it lasted. 1.3 billion viewers watched the final match (more than one-sixth of the world's total population).

For a short time, an international community was formed, one which crossed ethnic, economic and religious boundaries. (FIFA itself now includes 204 member associations, making it one of the biggest and most popular sports federations in the world.)

## Facts and figures

World Cup locations and winners 1930–2002

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Winning team</b>
Korea/Japan	2002	Brazil
France	1998	France
United States	1994	Brazil
Italy	1990	Germany (Federal Republic)
Mexico	1986	Argentina
Spain	1982	Italy
Argentina	1978	Argentina
Germany	1974	Germany (Federal Republic)
Mexico	1970	Brazil
England	1966	England
Chile	1962	Brazil
Sweden	1958	Brazil
Switzerland	1954	Germany (Federal Republic)
Brazil	1950	Uruguay
France	1938	Italy
Italy	1934	Italy
Uruguay	1930	Uruguay

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## Worksheet: Teams in the 2006 FIFA World Cup

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
Germany	England	Argentina	Mexico	Italy	Brazil
Costa Rica	Paraguay	Ivory Coast	Iran	Ghana	Croatia
Poland	Trinidad and Tobago	Serbia and Montenegro	Angola	USA	Australia
Ecuador	Sweden	Holland	Portugal	Czech Republic	Japan