

World Cup 2026 Trivia

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ROUND 1 – Trivia

Answers

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- 1 Which country won the inaugural FIFA World Cup in 1930?
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- 2 At the 2018 competition, 16 players came from which club?
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- 3 Paul Gascoigne spent the hours before England's crunch 1990 tie with Belgium playing what sport against two Americans?
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- 4 Who was the youngest member in Gareth Southgate's 2018 squad?
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- 5 Which England player's entire World Cup Finals career consisted of a 26-minute appearance against Spain in 1982?
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- 6 In the controversial 1966 quarter-final between Argentina and England, Antonio Rattín became the first player sent off in a senior international match at Wembley. How many yellow cards were shown to Argentina in that match?
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- 7 Which English referee famously showed three yellow cards to the same Croatian player during a 2006 match?
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- 8 Which team reportedly requested a jacuzzi in every player's room during their stay at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil?
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- 9 How many goals were scored in total during the 2014 World Cup semi-final between Germany and Brazil?
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- 10 Which two English players had penalties saved by Argentina's Carlos Roa in the 1998 World Cup?

ROUND 2 – Pot Luck

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- 1 Before taking the England manager's job, which team did Sir Alf Ramsey win the English league title with in their first season in the topflight?
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- 2 Which England player suffered a deep cut to his forehead during a 1989 World Cup qualifier against Sweden, leaving his shirt covered in blood by the end of the match?
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- 3 Which country defeated South Korea 9-0 in 1954 and El Salvador 10-1 in 1982?
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- 4 Pele spent most of his career with which Brazilian club?
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5 Which German won the World Cup as both a player and a manager?

6 Which English player made his World Cup debut at the age of 39?

7 What was the name of the dog that recovered the stolen Jules Rimet Trophy in 1966?

8 Which player won the 1966 Golden Boot?

9 In which country was the 1978 tournament held?

10 Who captained England at the 1982 finals in Spain?

ROUND 3 – The Players

1 Who became the tournament's oldest goalscorer in 1994?

2 In a group game against Morocco at the 1986 competition, who became the first England player to be sent off in a World Cup finals match?

3 Two players share the record of being sent off twice. One was Rigobert Song; who was the other?

4 Who is the oldest player to score a World Cup hat-trick?

5 Who was the oldest member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning squad and made 467 appearances for Wolverhampton Wanderers?

6 Who is the youngest player ever to appear at a FIFA World Cup?

7 Which player scored the most goals in a single tournament?

8 Who received a record nine-match suspension following the 2014 competition?

9 Maradona played in how many tournaments?

10 Which two goalkeepers share the record for the most World Cup clean sheets, with ten each?

ROUND 4 – World Cup Songs

- 1 Which well-known male singer recorded *World Cup Willie*, the English team's anthem for 1966?

- 2 Which Queen song was included as an official theme song in 1994?

- 3 Which player recorded a rap for New Order's official England team song *World in Motion* in 1990?

- 4 Which novelty song was released for Scotland's 1978 World Cup campaign in Argentina?

- 5 Which aria was popularised beyond the opera world by Luciano Pavarotti during the 1990 competition?

- 6 Which World Cup song consists largely of the repeated phrase "nah nah nah"?

- 7 Which two future England managers sang with the squad on the official song *This Time (We'll Get It Right)* in 1982?

- 8 *Put 'Em Under Pressure* was the official song of which country for their 1990 campaign in Italy?

- 9 When sung by England fans at the 2006 World Cup, commentator John Motson remarked of which song: "As football songs go, it is certainly the best"?

- 10 Which single was recorded by the 1970 England squad and began the tradition of World Cup songs?

ROUND 5 – Football Around the World

- 1 Which country thrashed an England team led by Billy Wright and Tom Finney 7–1 in 1954?

 - 2 Total Football was made famous by which country in 1974?

 - 3 Which club became the first from Eastern Europe to win the European Cup in 1986?

 - 4 Which player was prevented from joining US Dunkerque by his old club RC Liège in 1990?

 - 5 Who, before gaining success, was an interpreter for Sir Bobby Robson?

 - 6 Hector Chumpitaz was one of which country's best players?

 - 7 Boca Juniors is a sports club headquartered in a neighbourhood of which city?
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8 The name of which English indie rock band was taken from a South African football club?

9 What name links an insect to the oldest football team in Zurich?

10 Where in Europe are Lincoln Red Imps Football Club record champions with 24 league titles?

ROUND 6 – The Countries

1 According to FIFA rankings, the biggest World Cup upset occurred when which team beat France in 2010?

2 Which nation caused one of the tournament's biggest shocks by defeating Argentina 2-1 in 2022?

3 Which country is the only one to have appeared in all 22 FIFA World Cup tournaments?

4 England made their World Cup debut in 1950, suffering an infamous 1-0 defeat to which nation?

5 In which city was the 1986 final between Argentina and West Germany played in front of a crowd of 114,600?

6 Which country holds the record for the longest gap between successive World Cup finals appearances, a gap of 64 years?

7 The youngest-ever World Cup goalscorer was Pelé, who scored aged 17 years and 239 days against which country?

8 Which team has appeared at three tournaments (1934, 1990 and 2018) yet has never won a match?

9 From 1974 to 1990, Scotland appeared in how many World Cups?

10 England won their first-ever penalty shootout by defeating which country in 2018?

11 In 2002, which country became the first World Cup semi-finalist from outside Europe and the Americas?

12 Which host nation became the first to be eliminated in the opening round?

13 Which African team was the first to reach the final four?

14 Who was due to manage Scotland at the 1958 World Cup before fate intervened?

15 Which country's victory over Italy in 1966 prompted Italian newspapers to describe it as "the greatest humiliation in Italian football history"?
