



Comprehension: Soccer World Cup

Question 1: Read the following passage, then answers the questions that follow:

Soccer World Cup 2018

The World Cup is the world's most widely viewed sporting event and takes place every four years to determine the world champion. The World Cup is held by FIFA, and the 2018 tournament will take place in Russia from 14 June to July 15, 2018. Here is a list of interesting World Cup facts to get you into the soccer spirit for the 2018 World Cup in Russia:



World Cup Facts

- The World Cup in 2018 will mark the first time Russia has ever hosted this event.
- The 2018 World Cup will be Russia's 11th World Cup appearance. Their highest ever finish was 4th place in 1966.
- 3.2 billion people (almost half of the world's population) tuned in to watch the 2014 World Cup.
- The World Cup has been played twenty times, Brazil holds the most titles with five.
- Italy and Germany are close behind with four each.
- For the first time in the history of soccer, the 2002 World Cup was held in two different countries: South Korea and Japan.
- The oldest goal scorer in the World Cup was Roger Milla, who was 42 in 1994 when he scored a goal for Cameroon against Russia.
- It is rumoured that India withdrew from the 1950 tournament as they were not allowed to play barefoot.
- The first World Cup was played in 1930. Uruguay was both the tournament host and winner that year.
- The World Cup trophy went missing for seven days in 1966, when it was stolen just prior to the tournament.
- The average attendance per game at the 2014 World Cup was over 53,000 fans!
- The highest scoring game in World Cup history was in 1954, when Austria defeated Switzerland 7-5.
- The Italians have had the most number of draws in World Cup history with 21.
- Of all countries that have appeared in the World Cup, Indonesia has played the least number of matches - just one in 1938.
- The most goals ever scored by one player in a World Cup match is an impressive five, by Oleg Salenko of Russia.

<https://www.roadtrips.com/blog/world-cup-facts/>

Question 1: Answer the following questions in full:

1.1 How often does the Soccer World Cup take place? (1)

1.2 Who will be the host of the 2018 Soccer World Cup and when does it take place?

(2)

1.3 When was the first Soccer World Cup played and who won the tournament? (2)

1.4 Which country has only played one game in a Soccer World Cup? (1)

1.5 What happened to the World Cup trophy in 1966? (2)

1.6 In the highest scoring game, what was the goal difference? (1)

1.7 For which country did the oldest World Cup goal scorer play? (1)

1.8 Who scored the most goals in a World Cup soccer game? (1)

1.9 Which two countries hosted the World Cup in 2012? (2)

1.10 Explain the meaning of the following sentence: "The Italians have had the most number of draws.."
(2)

A **FACT** is a definite statement that is unquestionably true.
 An **OPINION** is based on the views of the writer or speaker.

Question 2: *State whether each of the following is an OPINION or a FACT. If it is an opinion, quote one word from the passage that proves this. (8)*

2.1 Russia is playing in their eleventh Soccer World Cup in 2018. _____

2.2 Half of the World's population tuned in to watch the 2014 Soccer World Cup. _____

2.3 Fifty-three thousand spectators attended every game at the 2014 Soccer World Cup. _____

2.4 A Russian soccer player scored the most goals in one Soccer World Cup match. _____

2.5 India withdrew from the 1950 tournament as they were not allowed to play barefoot. _____

Question 3: *Language in context*

3.1 Specify the Parts of Speech of the following words (underlined in the passage).
Remember to read these words in context. $\frac{1}{2}$ each (20)

Word	Parts of Speech	Word	Parts of Speech
World Cup		widely	
hosted		their	
people		twenty times	
the		countries	
oldest		Roger Milla	
he		in	
Uruguay		trophy	
attendance		per	
of		scored	
by		impressive	

3.2 Arrange the following countries, participating in the Soccer World Cup, in alphabetical order: (8)

Russia, Belgium, Germany, England, Spain, Poland, Iceland, Serbia, France, Portugal, Switzerland, Croatia, Sweden, Denmark, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Nigeria, Egypt, Senegal, Tunisia, Morocco, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Peru

Question 4: Read the following cartoon, then rewrite the conversation between Sally and Mom in **direct speech**. (8)



Sally asked, " _____

Mom replied, " _____

Sally exclaimed, " _____

Mom said, " _____

Refer to the rules for Direct/Reported Speech in the MEMO

MEMO:

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1.2 Who will be the host of the 2018 Soccer World Cup and when does it take place?

Russia will host the 2018 Soccer World Cup and it takes place from 14 June to 15 July. (2)

1.3 When was the first Soccer World Cup played and who won the tournament? (2)

The first Soccer World Cup took place in 1930 and Uruguay won the tournament.

1.4 Which country has only played one game in a Soccer World Cup? (1)

Indonesia has only played one game in a Soccer World Cup.

1.5 What happened to the World Cup trophy in 1966? (2)

The World Cup trophy went missing for seven days after someone had stolen it.

1.6 In the highest scoring game, what was the goal difference? (1)

The goal difference was two goals.

1.7 For which country did the oldest World Cup goal scorer play? (1)

Roger Milla played for Cameroon when he scored a World Cup goal at 42 years old.

1.8 Who scored the most goals in a World Cup soccer game? (1)

Oleg Salenko scored five goals in one game.

1.9 Which two countries hosted the World Cup in 2012? (2)

South Korea and Japan

1.10 Explain the meaning of the following sentence: "The Italians have had the most number of draws..". (2)

A draw is when both teams have the same score at the end of the match. This means the Italians were in the most matches where the two competing teams had the same score at the end of the match.

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2.1 Russia is playing in their eleventh Soccer World Cup in 2018. **FACT**

2.2 Half of the World's population tuned in to watch the 2014 Soccer World Cup. **OPINION**
"almost"

2.3 Fifty-three thousand spectators attended every game at the 2014 Soccer World Cup. **OPINION**
"average"

- 2.4 A Russian soccer player scored the most goals in one Soccer World Cup match. FACT
- 2.5 India withdrew from the 1950 tournament as they were not allowed to play barefoot. OPINION
"rumoured"

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World Cup	proper noun	widely	adverb
hosted	verb	their	pronoun
people	common noun	twenty times	adverb
the	definite article	countries	common noun
oldest	adjective	Roger Milla	proper noun
he	pronoun	in	preposition
Uruguay	proper noun	trophy	common noun
attendance	abstract noun	per	preposition
of	preposition	scored	verb
by	preposition	impressive	adjective

- 3.2 Arrange the following countries, participating in the Soccer World Cup, in alphabetical order: (8)

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Argentina; Australia; Belgium; Brazil; Colombia; Costa Rica;
 Croatia; Denmark; England; Egypt; France; Germany;
 Iceland; Iran; Japan; Mexico; Morocco; Nigeria;
 Panama; Peru; Poland; Portugal; Russia; Saudi Arabia;
 Senegal; Serbia; South Korea; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland;
 Tunisia; Uruguay

Question 4: Read the following cartoon, then rewrite the conversation between Sally and Mom in **direct speech**. (8)

Sally asked, "Is this the park, Mom? Can we go on the swings?"

Mom replied, "We need to find the soccer practice field."

Sally exclaimed, "Here it is, Mom!"

Mom said, "Thank you, Alice." *NOTE punctuation!*

Direct/Reported Speech:

- If the speech introductory word is before the direct speech, it is followed by a comma (Sally asked, "...")
- Quotation marks indicate direct speech.
- Direct Speech ALWAYS start with a capital letter.
- All punctuation of direct speech inside the quotation marks.

Question 5: Read the following poem, then answer the questions that follow:

5.1 How many stanzas does the poem have? (1)

Six

5.2 Does the poem have a specific rhyme scheme? (1)

No, free rhyme

5.3 Explain, in your own words, how Chinaglia scores the goal. (3)

Chinaglia takes the ball as he is sprinting, spits on the grass, dribbles it around the opposition, between the legs of two defenders and kicks it hard into the net.

5.4 Who is "the thatch of yellow shirts"? (1)

The opposition, the team they are playing against.

5.5 In stanza 3, the goal area is compared to a caged "something" that is invisible. This figure of speech is called a **metaphor**, because **the words as or like are not used when doing the comparison**. (3)

5.5 Identify and explain the underlined figure of speech in "Screams blur to wind howl..." (2)

Onomatopoeia – the actual sound of the wind is given.

5.6 From stanza 5, quote an example of a simile. (2)

"Chinaglia raises his fists as laurels."

5.7 In the following line there are two figures of speech. Identify and explain each: "leaping, as if lovesick..." (4)

Alliteration – the l-sound is repeated ("leaping, as if lovesick...")

Simile – he is leaping into Marinho's arms as if he is lovesick. (Comparing using as or like.)

5.8 Identify and explain the figure of speech in "The home crowd's ear-splitting rant grows seismic." (2)

Personification – human qualities are given to non-human things, the 'growing' screams of the crowd.