

2022 Men's World Cup

What Is the Men's World Cup?

The Men's World Cup is a football tournament for male football teams around the world that takes place every four years. The first official Men's World Cup was held in 1930 in Uruguay. The tournament has only been cancelled twice, which was due to the Second World War. Different countries take it in turns to host the Men's World Cup. The last tournament was held in Russia in 2018 and was won by France.

This year's tournament will be held in Qatar and will take place between 20th November and 18th December. Traditionally, the Men's World Cup is held during the summer. Due to the heat in Qatar, the tournament has been moved to the winter.

How Is the Men's World Cup Organised?

GROUP B



There are 32 national teams in the 2022 Men's World Cup and a total of 64 matches will be played in eight different football stadiums. The teams will be split into eight groups of four teams, with England and Wales both competing in Group B alongside Iran and USA.

Following the group stage matches, the top two teams from each group will go through to the knockout stage. This consists of a round of 16 teams, quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final.



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What Awards Are Given?

At the end of the tournament, the winning team is presented with the gold Men's World Cup trophy for official celebrations. Due to its high value, they then receive a gold-plated copy of the trophy to take away. Medals are awarded to the top three teams, including players, coaches and managers.



Additionally, there are other awards given to certain players. The Golden Ball is awarded to the best player, the Golden Glove is presented to the top-performing goalkeeper and the Golden Boot is awarded to the highest goalscorer. The Best Young Player is awarded to someone who is 21 years of age or younger.



What Happened to the Original World Cup Trophy?

The original Men's World Cup trophy has been stolen twice! The first time was in London in 1966 when the trophy was taken from a display in Westminster Central Hall. A week later, a dog called Pickles found it wrapped in newspaper under a hedge.



In 1970, the Brazilian team was given the original trophy to keep because they had won the tournament for the third time. It was placed on display in Rio de Janeiro but it was stolen in 1983. It was never found and a new trophy was made, which is still used in tournaments today.



Questions



1. When was the first official Men's World Cup? Tick one.

- 1920
- 1930
- 1940
- 1950

2. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

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- Different countries take it in turns to host the Men's World Cup.
- Medals are awarded to the top three teams.
- This year's tournament will be held in Qatar.

3. **Traditionally, the Men's World Cup is held during the summer.**

Which word has the closest meaning to 'traditionally'? Tick one.

- normally
- rarely
- sometimes
- never

4. Draw **four** lines to complete the sentences.

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The last tournament was held in Russia in 2018...	will go through to the knockout stage.
Following the group stage matches, the top two teams from each group...	gold-plated copy of the trophy to take away.
Due to its high value, they then receive a...	which was due to the Second World War.



5. How often is the Men's World Cup held?

6. Look at the sub-heading **How Is the Men's World Cup Organised?**

Find and copy one word which is the name of the place where the footballers play their matches.

7. Why do you think that someone left the original Men's World Cup trophy under a hedge after it was stolen in 1966?

8. Why would the heat in Qatar have made it hard to hold the Men's World Cup there in the summer?
