

The 2022 Football World Cup – groups



The 2022 Football World Cup will take place¹ in Qatar in November and December this year. This is the first time that a world cup is played during the winter. There are 32 teams that have qualified for the tournament.

- 1** In the picture you can see the groups of the tournament. Do you know the flags and countries? Write the English names of the countries into the table. If you need help, you can use an atlas or the internet.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H

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The countries – world map

(With a partner or a small group) Where are the countries on the world map? Use the correct colours and write the numbers into the map. If you don't have enough space, write the number next to the map and draw a line to the country. You can use the internet or an atlas for this exercise.

Group A (red)

1. Qatar
2. Ecuador
3. Senegal
4. Netherlands

Group B (blue)

5. England
6. Wales
7. Iran
8. USA

Group C (yellow)

9. Argentina
10. Saudi-Arabia
11. Mexico
12. Poland

Group D (green)

13. France
14. Australia
15. Denmark
16. Tunisia

Group E (purple)

17. Spain
18. Costa Rica
19. Germany
20. Japan

Group F (black)

21. Belgium
22. Canada
23. Morocco
24. Croatia

Group G (pink)

25. Brazil
26. Serbia
27. Switzerland
28. Cameroon

Group H (brown)

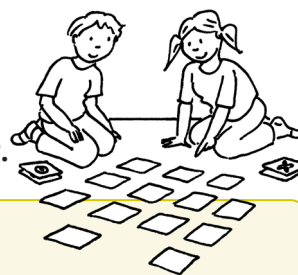
29. Portugal
30. Ghana
31. Uruguay
32. South Korea



Player-Memory-Game



- 1 a) For which countries do the players play? Write the name of the country under the name of the player.
- b) Cut out the cards.
- c) With a partner or a group: Play the Player-Memory-Game together.



How to play the game:

- 1) Mix the cards and put them upside down² on a table.
- 2) Decide who begins. The first player can now turn over³ two cards. When the player has found two cards that belong together (a pair), the player takes those two cards and is allowed to turn over two more cards.
- 3) When the two cards do not belong together: Turn the two cards upside down again. Then, the next player takes a turn.⁴
- 4) When you have found all the pairs: Count which player has the most pairs. The player with the most pairs wins the game.

Christian Eriksen country:	Daichi Kamada country:	Lionel Messi country:	Denmark	Japan	USA
Kylian Mbappé country:	Gareth Bale country:	Christian Pulisic country:	France	Wales	Spain
Matthijs de Ligt country:	Manuel Neuer country:	Rodri country:	Netherlands	Germany	Senegal
Harry Kane country:	Eden Hazard country:	Sadio Mané country:	England	Belgium	South Korea
Robert Lewandowski country:	Christiano Ronaldo country:	Heung-min Son country:	Polen	Argentinien	Portugal

2 upside down – verkehrt herum

3 (to) turn over – umdrehen

4 the next turn – an der Reihe sein

Criticism about the world cup (reading comprehension)



Exercise: Read the text carefully and answer the questions.

The 2022 Football World Cup will **take place** in Qatar for the first time. But there has been a lot of **criticism** about the tournament.

The world cup tournament will, for the very first time, take place during winter (November – December). The official reason: It gets extremely hot during the summer months in Qatar – too hot for a football tournament. A lot of people have **criticised** this decision because the world cup usually takes place during the summer months. This is a problem for a lot of the **national leagues** (for example the „Bundesliga“): Normally, there would be a lot of league matches during November and December. This year, the national leagues can't play matches during that time because of the world cup.

Qatar has a lot of oil and is a very rich country. The country has built a lot of new stadiums, hotels, etc. for this world cup. For this reason, there are a lot of **construction sites** in the country. Most of the people who work on them are **migrant workers** from poor countries. They have to work under terrible **conditions** and earn very little money. Even worse, the work is extremely dangerous: More than 15.000 (!) workers have died on the construction sites.

But the conditions on the construction sites are not the only problem: Officially, it is **forbidden** to be homosexual in Qatar. This means that homosexual or transgender people can be put into **jail** for a long time. **Therefore**, a lot of **human right organisations** have criticised the FIFA for organising the world cup in Qatar.



Flag of Qatar

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vocabulary

(to) take place	- stattfinden	criticism	- Kritik
(to) criticise sth.	- etw. kritisieren	national league	- Nationalliga
construction site	- Baustelle	migrant workers	- Gastarbeiter
conditions	- Bedingungen	therefore	- deshalb / aus diesem Grund
jail	- Gefängnis	human right	
forbidden	- verboten	organisations	- Menschenrechtsorganisationen

1 Why does the world cup take place during the winter?

2 Why is it a problem for the "Bundesliga" that the tournament is played in the winter?

3 Underline the correct word: Qatar is a very *rich/poor* country.

4 Explain: Why is the situation of migrant workers a problem?

5 Explain why homosexual people have to be afraid in Qatar.