

Team Game Tournament - The Rugby World Cup

practice questions

As a group you need to work together to come up with answers for these questions. You will need to use the resource article you've been given to help you. You may also have people in your group who already know things about the Rugby World Cup, and their knowledge could be very helpful. What is most important is that you think clearly about what questions are asking. Use your own paper to write down your answers. Everyone in the group should write down the answers you all come up with.

Remember that you are a team. You will be competing as a team against the other groups in the tournament. If you intend to win, the more able members of the group need to ensure that the less able members are helped to understand both the questions and the answers.

You do have a time limit for this – it is very important that as a team you get all the questions answered as best you can in the time available. Some are easier than others. You decide how you want to do it, but use your time well. The questions you will meet in the tournament will be drawn from material you should have discussed in this practice session.

If you have any questions, now is the time to ask your teacher.

NB You will NOT get 'the answers' to these questions from your teacher at the end of the time.

1. When will the next Rugby World Cup tournament begin?
2. What does an English school boy have to do with a gold covered trophy?
3. Why do you think the game where teams try to run the ball over the goal line came to be known as Rugby?
4. When was the first Rugby World Cup tournament played?
5. Which two nations hosted the games for that first Rugby World Cup?
6. Who won the first Rugby World Cup?
7. Which four countries' teams have won the Rugby World Cup?
8. How does a country qualify to send a team to the Rugby World Cup?
9. Explain what a 'pool' is when you're talking about the Rugby World Cup
10. How many teams make it through to play in the quarter finals?
11. What is the key difference between a competition like the Super Fifteen and the Rugby World Cup?
12. How many teams compete at the Rugby World Cup?
13. What are the three international sports events which are bigger than the Rugby World Cup?
14. Given that running a Rugby World Cup is very expensive, why are countries so keen to host the event?
15. What do you think might England and Japan have emphasized to the IRB to help them win their bids to host the 2015 and 2019 Rugby World Cups?