



Hour 4
World Cup 2014!

Part 1—The Venue

1. In what country will the next World Cup be held?
2. What other major international competition will be held in that country two years later?
3. The current host team has won more World Cups than any other national side. When was their most recent?
4. They did not win the last time they hosted the World Cup, however. They did, though, set the record for official stadium attendance at a sporting event in its final match. Name the stadium at which it was held and, for a bonus point, the attendance to the nearest thousand.
5. Several external factors have caused outside observers to question whether the World Cup will run smoothly. Name at least two distinct causes of concern.

Part 2—U! S! A! U! S! A!

6. Who is the current coach of Team USA—and for what now-nonexistent country did he help win a World Cup as a player?
7. He replaced what coach of the USA during World Cup 2010—who became coach of what other national side that just barely missed World Cup qualification this year?
8. Team USA might have some difficulty advancing this year, however, as they drew into the difficult Group G for the tournament's first stage. Name either of the two top-level European teams that also were placed in the Group.
9. The fourth team in Group G, moreover, has also proved itself dangerous to Team USA, as it eliminated the Americans during the last World Cup. Which team is it?
10. Two American national team regulars—a striker and a midfielder—have in the past year left their high-profile European teams to come back to the USA and play in Major League Soccer. Who are they?

Part 3—The Rest of the Field

11. What nation is not only the defending World Cup champion, but has also won their last two quadrennial continental soccer tournaments?
12. The European team that is heavily favored to win Group H—which has only advanced past the Round of 16 once in their history—has had their current squad tabbed with the dreaded “Golden Generation” label. Who are they?
13. Uruguay has lately risen toward the edge of FIFA's Top 5 rankings behind the play of its top striker. However, he's probably more notorious for something other than his prolific goal-

scoring. What is his name, and what is he more famous for?

14. What flashy European striker, upon seeing his national side fail to qualify for World Cup 2014, told the press, “A World Cup without me is nothing to watch so it is not worthwhile to wait for the World Cup”?

15. Enough about strikers—let’s give some love to the back lines. All four of FIFA’s Best XI defenders are expected to play at the World Cup: one is Spanish, one is German, and two are Brazilian. Name any two of them, along with the countries they will represent.

16. Only one national team is experiencing its first World Cup in 2014. Which one?

Part 4—Team Kits

From the picture of its national uniform, name the World Cup 2014 competitor:

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25. Describe, in as much detail as possible, the USA 1994 kit.

Part 5—Underwear ads

Soccer players sure do like posing for underwear ads. Name the former or current World Cup players below.

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29. And name the national team pictured in this shot...



Part 6—World Cup History

30. For most American sports fans, “The Shot Heard ‘Round the World” was the 1951 Bobby Thomson home run. But for the rest of the world, “The Shot Heard ‘Round the World” in American sports was what?

31. The victors of the 1954 World Cup won in a miraculous upset in Bern. What team, generally considered the best national side of the 1950s, did they beat in the final, and what is the four-word soccer koan most associated with the winning side’s manager?

32. How did a mutt named Pickles save the 1966 tournament?

33. Argentina’s victories in the finals of both the 1978 and 1986 World Cups were controversial. Name one reason why, in each case, their claim to being the top national team in the world is disputed.

34. What Colombian player, after scoring an own-goal against the USA in the 1994 World Cup, was shot and killed by mobsters after the tournament?

35. The final of the 2006 tournament was marred when what player was red-carded for head-butting what other player?

36. During World Cup 2010, French striker Nicolas Anelka was dismissed from the team for fighting with his coach. Being French, what did the other players do in response?

Part 7—Video Section

37.-48. Go to the anustart-trivia channel on Youtube and view the video at <http://youtu.be/4SJYKTKjHb0> for these questions.

Part 8—The US Women's Team

As proud Title IX enthusiasts and inveterate front-runners, Americans may have more interest in our highly successful women's team than our less successful men's. Answer some questions about them.

49. In 2011, who became the team's all-time leader in World Cup goals scored?

50. Despite USA's impressive comeback against Brazil in the quarterfinals of the 2011 World Cup, they ended up losing to what team in the finals?

51. In 2007, however, the USA lost in the semifinals to Brazil, after its up-and-coming goalkeeper was benched in favor of an older veteran, who promptly gave up four goals and caused the younger keeper to make inflammatory comments to the media. Name the two keepers.

52. The USA won the 1999 World Cup final in a penalty shootout over China. Name any three of the five players who took the penalty kicks.

53. Other than in 1999, the USA has only won one other World Cup. What year was it, and who was the leading goal scorer?

Bonus! The Rules of Soccer

How well do you remember from your travel-team days how to actually play soccer?

54. Define the offsides rule.

55. What does a 4-2-3-1 mean?