

Activity

1. Mark with red all the verbs and search the meaning in the dictionary
2. Mark with blue all persons and personal pronouns
3. Mark with purple all the objects

Football World Cup Trophy



The World Cup is a small gold trophy that represents victory in the FIFA World Cup. Since the advent of the World Cup in 1930, there have been two trophies awarded to the winners.

The Jules Rimet Trophy was the original prize for winning the World Cup. Originally called "Victory", but generally known simply as the World Cup or Coupe du Monde, it was officially renamed in 1946 to honour the FIFA President Jules Rimet who in 1929 passed a vote to initiate the competition. Designed by Abel Lafleur and made of gold plated sterling silver on a blue base of lapis lazuli, it stood 35 cm high and weighed 3.8 kg. It was

in the shape of an octagonal cup, supported by a winged figure representing Nike, the ancient Greek goddess of victory.

During World War II, the trophy was held by Italy. Ottorino Barassi, the Italian vice-president of FIFA, hid it from the Germans in a shoe-box under his bed.

Just before the 1966 World Cup Final in England the trophy was stolen during a public exhibition at Westminster Central Hall, but was found just seven days later, wrapped in newspaper at the bottom of a suburban garden hedge in Norwood, South London, by a dog named "Pickles". As a security measure, The FA secretly manufactured a replica of the trophy for use in the post-match celebrations. The replica was also used on subsequent occasions until 1970. The replica was sold at an auction in 1997 for £254,500, when it was purchased by FIFA who subsequently arranged for it to be displayed at the English National Football Museum in Preston.

The Brazilian team won the trophy for the third time in 1970, and were rewarded by being allowed to keep it in perpetuity. However, the cup was stolen again in 1983 in Rio de Janeiro and never recovered; it may have been melted down. The Brazilian Football Confederation commissioned a replica of their own.

The replacement trophy, officially known as the FIFA World Cup Trophy, was first presented at the 1974 World Cup. Designed by Silvio Gazzaniga and produced by Bertoni, Milano, it stands 36.5 cm tall and is made of 5 kg of 18 carat (75%) solid gold with a base (13 cm in diameter) containing two layers of malachite. The trophy, which weighs 6.175 kg total, depicts two human figures holding up the Earth.

The trophy has the visible engraving "FIFA World Cup" (outpouring letters) in its base. The name of the country whose national team wins the tournament is engraved, additionally, in the bottom side of the trophy, and therefore is not visible when put up normally. The text runs like "— 2002 Brazil", i.e. in English. At the moment eight winners have been engraved. It is not known whether FIFA will retire the trophy after all of the name plaques at the base are filled in; this will not occur until after the 2038 World Cup.

FIFA's regulations now state that the trophy, unlike its predecessor, cannot be won outright: the winners of the tournament receive it on loan for four years and receive a replica to keep.

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Questions about the text

1. Jules Rimet was the name of the FIFA president who decided to start the competition.

- ☐ True.
- ☐ False.
- ☐ We don't know.

2. The trophy was stolen both in England and Brazil.

- ☐ True.
- ☐ False.
- ☐ We don't know.

3. The new trophy weighs more than the Jules Rimet trophy.

- ☐ True.
- ☐ False.
- ☐ We don't know.

4. The winners must give the trophy back to FIFA after four years.

- ☐ True.
- ☐ False.
- ☐ We don't know.