

World Cup Stadiums

Part 1 Vocab Preview *Try to infer the meaning of the underlined words before you watch the video.*

1. The concert will be held at an outdoor venue near the city center.
2. The city will host the Olympics next summer, welcoming athletes from around the world.
3. The dog was nicknamed Fluffy because of its long, curly fur.
4. We bought fresh produce at the market — tomatoes, peppers, and leafy greens.
5. The new library was designed to be a green building, with solar panels and rainwater collection.
6. She was born on American soil, even though her parents were from another country.
7. The parking lot has a capacity of 500 cars, but it was already full by noon.

Part 2 Comprehension *Answer the questions while or after you watch the video.*

1. The 2026 World Cup will be held in ____ countries.
 - a. two
 - b. three
2. Most of the US venues are normally used for American _____.
 - a. baseball
 - b. football
 - c. soccer
3. The World Cup final will be held in _____.
 - a. Mexico City
 - b. Los Angeles
 - c. New Jersey
 - d. Dallas
4. The nickname for the stadium in Dallas comes from the _____ movies.
 - a. Star Wars
 - b. Star Trek
 - c. Avengers
 - d. Aliens
5. The SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles is _____ stadium ever built.
 - a. the most technologically advanced
 - b. the most energy efficient
 - c. the most expensive
 - d. the biggest
6. Levi's Stadium in San Francisco _____ on the roof.
 - a. has restaurants and food stalls
 - b. allows people to walk
 - c. grows its own food
 - d. has solar panels
7. Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia is powered in part by _____.
 - a. wind and solar power
 - b. solar power
 - c. wind power
8. The Estadio Azteca has previously hosted _____ World Cups.
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
9. Canada's first World Cup match will be played in _____.
 - a. Vancouver
 - b. Montreal
 - c. Toronto
10. _____ is the smallest venue at the tournament.
 - a. Estadio Azteca in Mexico City
 - b. BC Place in Vancouver
 - c. BMO Field in Toronto

Part 3 Details *Work with a partner. Compete against other teams. How many of these details can you remember from the video?*

1. How many cities will host World Cup games?
2. What is the name of the stadium that will host the final?
3. On what day will the final be played?
4. How many games will be played in Dallas?
5. What is the nickname of the stadium in Dallas?
6. How much did the stadium in Los Angeles cost to build?
7. Where was the Super Bowl played this year?
8. How many solar panels are on the stadium in Philadelphia?
9. Which countries have won championships at Azteca Stadium in the past?
10. What is the capacity of the smallest stadium and where is it located?

Part 4 Discussion *Discuss these questions with your group.*

1. Which of the stadiums in the video would you most like to visit? Why?
2. Which stadium do you think will give its home team the biggest advantage? Why?
3. Do you think it's a good idea to hold the World Cup in three countries at the same time? What are the advantages and disadvantages?
4. The video mentions that Lincoln Financial Field uses 10,000 solar panels. What else can a stadium have or do in order to be more environmentally friendly?
5. Many of these stadiums are normally used by American football teams. Do you think soccer works well in NFL stadiums? Why or why not?
6. Who do you think will be in the final? Who do you think will win?

Part 5 Sentence Building Write sentences about the video using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order.

E.g. 2026 / world / cup / will / hold / three / country / first / time

The 2026 World Cup will be held in three countries for the first time.

1. MetLife / stadium / new / Jersey / will / host / final / July / 19
2. AT&T / stadium / Dallas / will / host / most / match
3. SoFi / stadium / los / angeles / most / expensive / ever / build
4. stadium / san / Francisco / have / rooftop / farm / grow / organic / produce
5. stadium / Philadelphia / power / part / by / 10,000 / solar / panel
6. estadio / Azteca / Mexico / city / will / become / first / stadium / host / game / three / world / cup
7. first / world / Cup / match / Canadian / soil / will / Toronto

Part 6 Script *Listen and fill in the missing words.*

The biggest World Cup ever will be held in three countries for the first time and across 16 cities.

11 of the (1) _____ are in the United States, offering a lineup of huge, mostly modern arenas that usually belong to NFL teams, with all roads leading to the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, which (2) _____ the final on July 19th.

The AT&T Stadium in Dallas will host more matches than any other venue, nine in total. (3) _____ the Death Star for its futuristic Star Wars style design, it's so big the Statue of Liberty could fit inside with the (4) _____ closed.

In Los Angeles, the SoFi Stadium will host eight games. It's the most expensive stadium ever built, costing (5) _____ 5.5 billion.

Anyone who watched this year's Super Bowl in February will recognize the next one. Levi's Stadium in the San Francisco Bay area has its own rooftop farm growing organic (6) _____ for its food stalls and restaurants.

In Philadelphia, Lincoln Financial Field is one of the (7) _____ venues in professional sport. Powered in part by 10,000 solar panels.

Co-hosts, Mexico, will welcome fans to three cities, Guadalajara, Monterrey, and Mexico City. Home of the legendary Estadio Azteca, the first stadium to host three World Cups and the place where both Pelé and Maradona (8) _____ the trophy.

The first men's World Cup match on Canadian (9) _____ will be in Toronto. That'll be Canada against Bosnia and Herzegovina at BMO Field, the smallest venue at this tournament with a 45,000 (10) _____.

And Vancouver's BC Place is the most northerly venue at this World Cup and will host seven matches (11) _____.

Answers

Part 2

1. The 2026 World Cup will be held in **three** countries.
2. Most of the US venues are normally used for American **football**.
3. The World Cup final will be held in **New Jersey**.
4. The nickname for the stadium in Dallas comes from the **Star Wars** movies.
5. The SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles is **the most expensive** stadium ever built.
6. Levi's Stadium in San Francisco **grows its own food** on the roof.
7. Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia is powered in part by **solar power**.
8. The Estadio Azteca has already hosted **two** World Cups.
9. Canada's first World Cup match will be played in **Toronto**.
10. **BMO Field in Toronto** is the smallest venue at the tournament.

Part 3

1. 16
2. MetLife Stadium
3. July 19th
4. 9
5. The Death Star
6. \$5.5 billion
7. The San Francisco Bay Area (Levi's Stadium)
8. 10,000
9. Brazil and Argentina
10. 45,000, Toronto

Part 5

1. The eleven venues in the United States are mostly NFL arenas.
2. MetLife Stadium in New Jersey will host the final on July 19th.
3. The AT&T Stadium in Dallas will host the most matches.
4. SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles is the most expensive stadium ever built.
5. The stadium in San Francisco has a rooftop farm [that/which] grows organic produce.
6. The stadium in Philadelphia is powered in part by 10,000 solar panels.
7. Estadio Azteca in Mexico City will become the first stadium to host games from three World Cups.
8. The first World Cup match on Canadian soil will be in Toronto.
9. BC Place in Vancouver is the most northerly venue [in/at] the World Cup.

Part 6

- (1) venues, (2) hosts, (3) nicknamed, (4) roof, (5) around, (6) produce,
(7) greenest, (8) lifted, (9) soil, (10) capacity, (11) in total