

Miles goes to the
**Soccer
Championships**



A special
downloadable
activity book
for kids

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Hello there! I'm Miles.

I love seeing new places and learning new things, all around the world.

The game of soccer, or football, is the most popular sport on the planet. It is played in more than 200 countries and territories by 250 million people – and it is watched by nearly four billion. That's almost half the world!



Every four years, there's a big championship tournament that brings this entire fan base together to cheer for their country's team. I can't wait to watch.

In preparation for the big games, I've created a bunch of fun activities for you and I to share.

Want to play along? Turn the page and let's get started!



WORD SEARCH

Circle the words that correspond with the sport of soccer.

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G	I	K	R	B	U	K	O
R	S	C	O	R	E	K	A
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SCORE

KICK

TROPHY

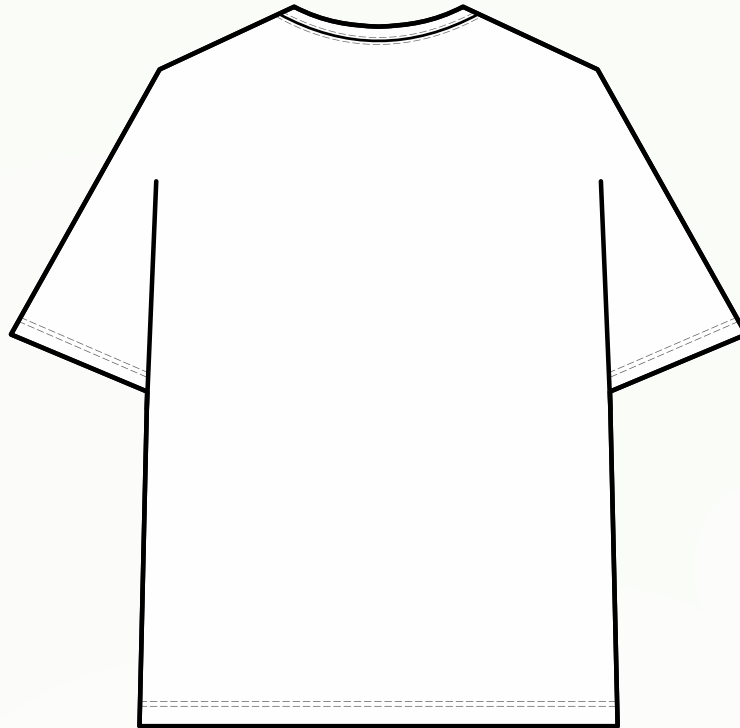
REFEREE

PLAYER

GOAL

DESIGN A UNIFORM

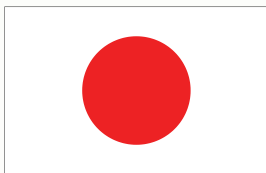
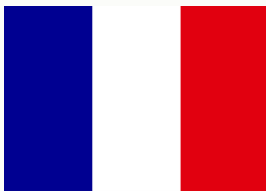
Imagine you are creating your own soccer team! What would you name it? Design the uniform below.



Team Name:

MATCH GAME

Can you match the competing country with its flag by drawing a line to connect them?



Saudi Arabia

Mexico

Senegal

Japan

Argentina

France

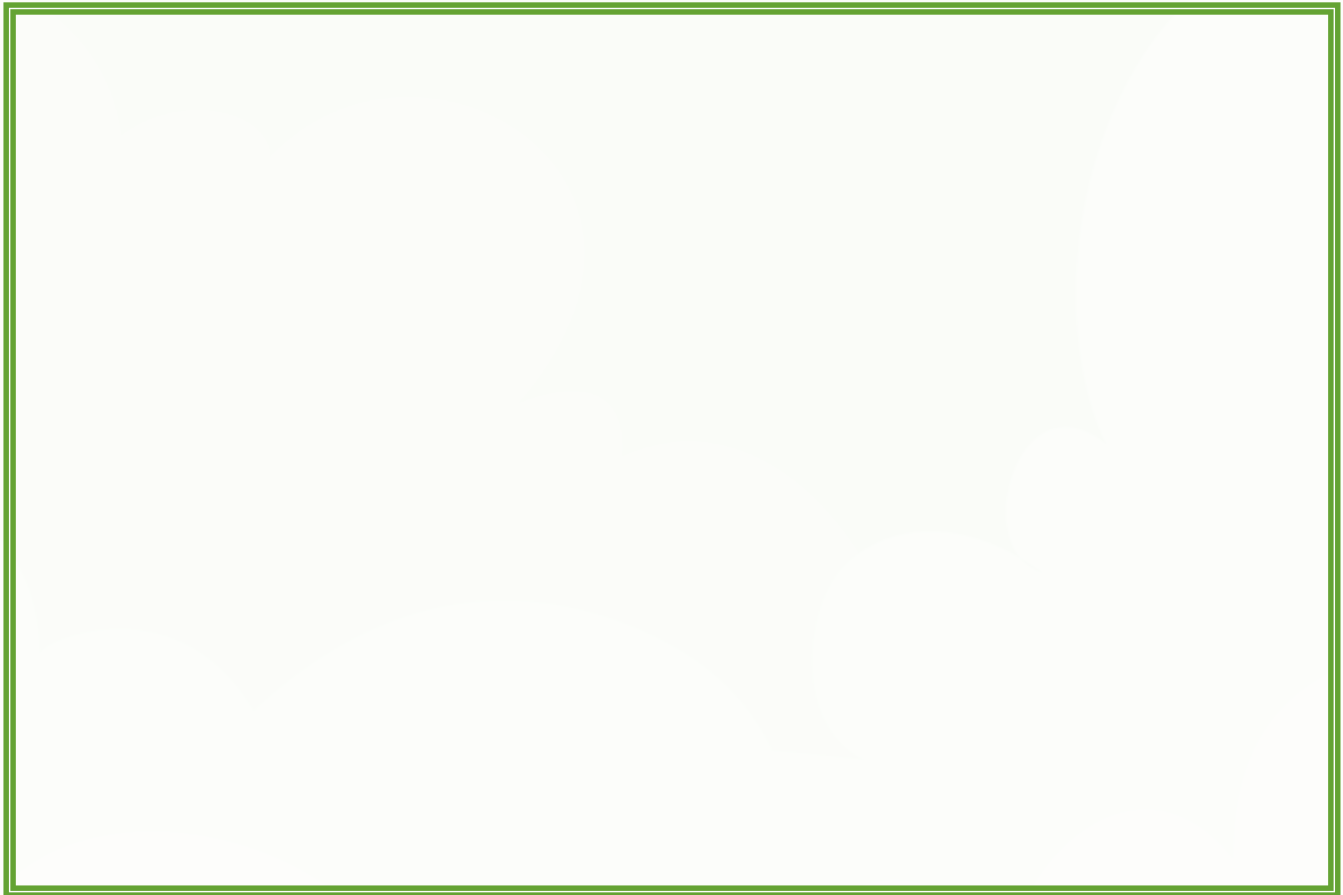
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Spain



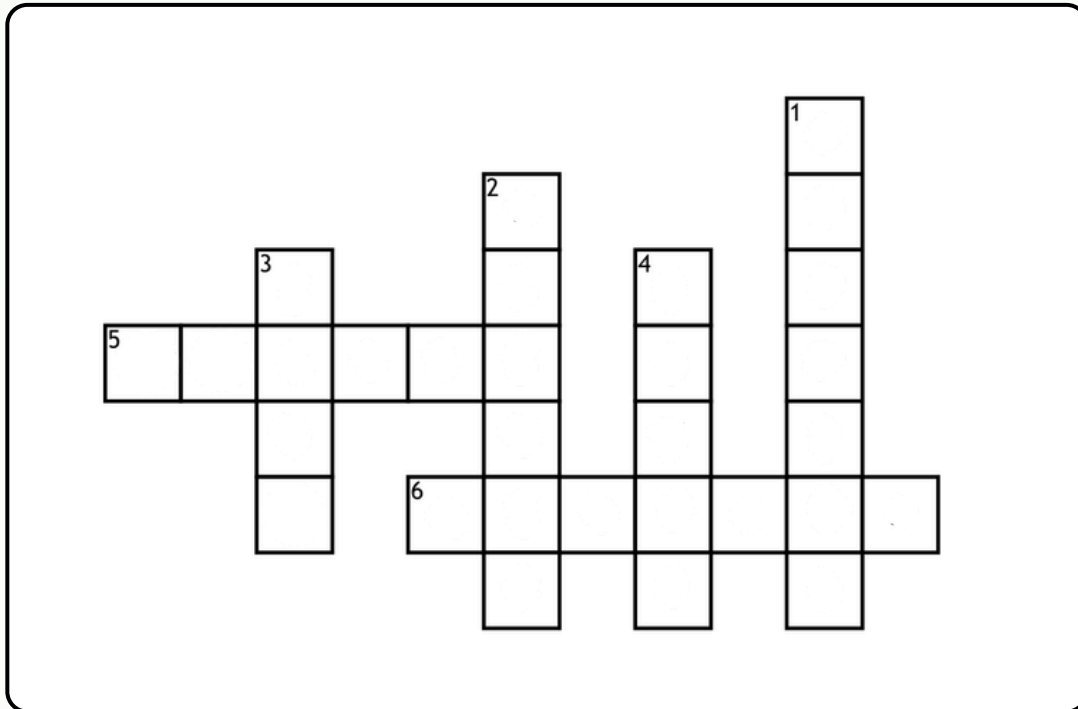
SUPPORT YOUR TEAM

Are you a fan of a certain country, team, or player? Draw a poster below to show your support!



CROSSWORD TIME

Fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct soccer word.



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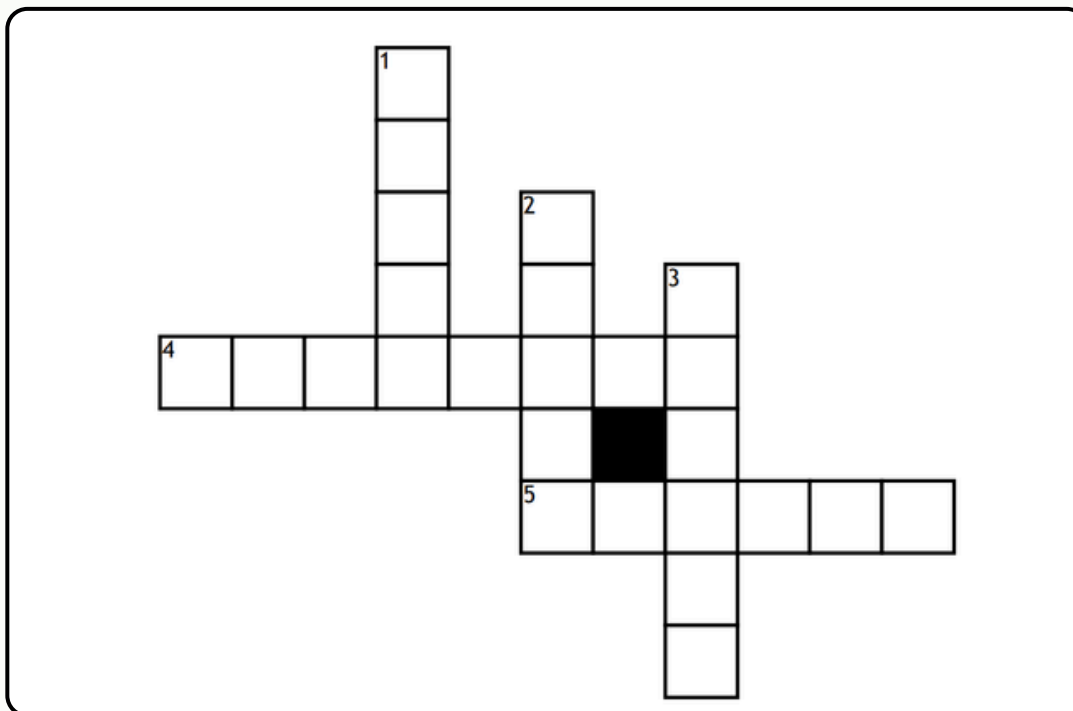
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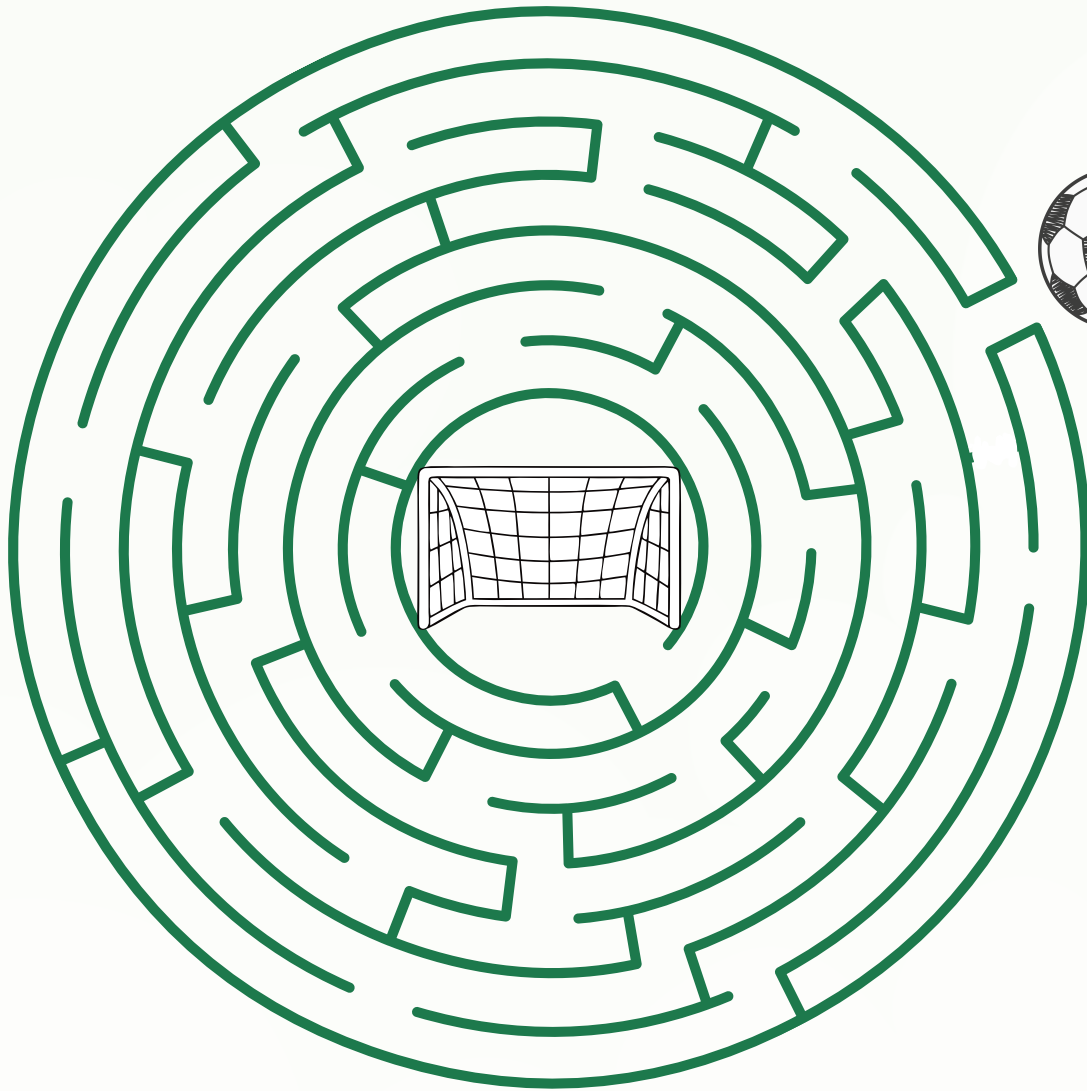
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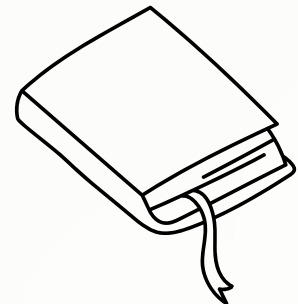
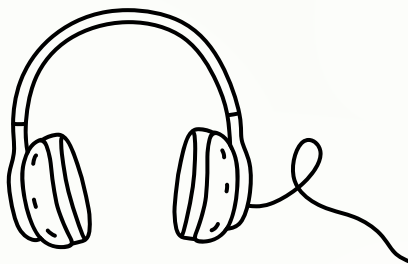
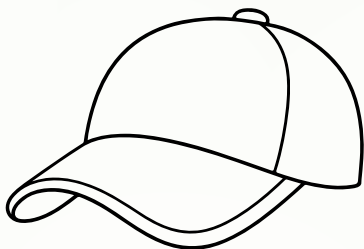
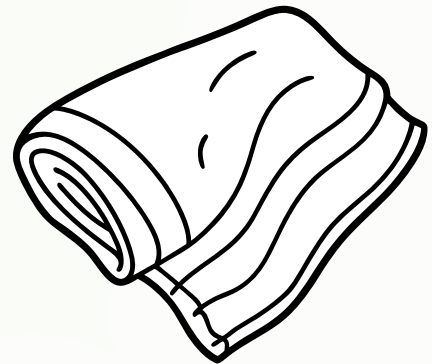
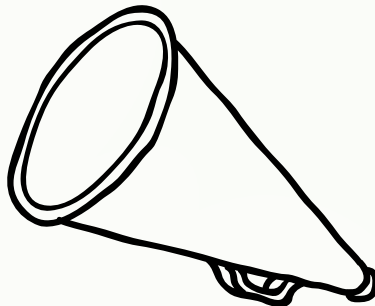
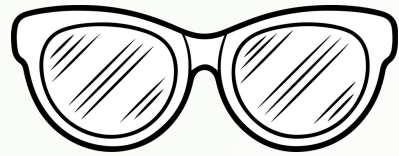
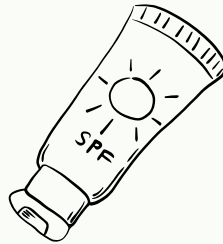
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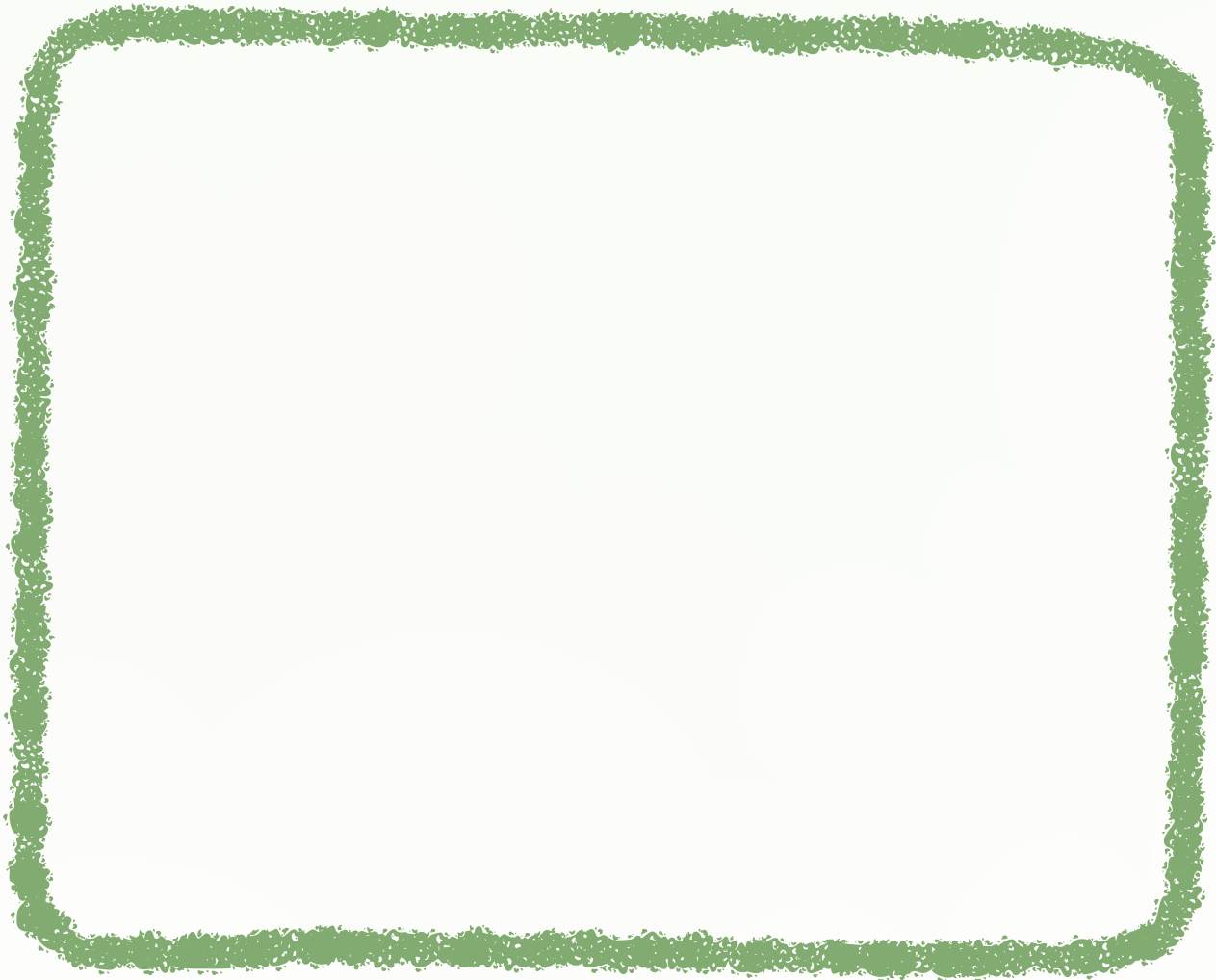
PACK YOUR BACKPACK

Color or circle the items you'd bring to play or watch a soccer game.



CREATE A TROPHY

Imagine you are in charge of designing the trophy for the winning team!
What would it look like? Draw it below.



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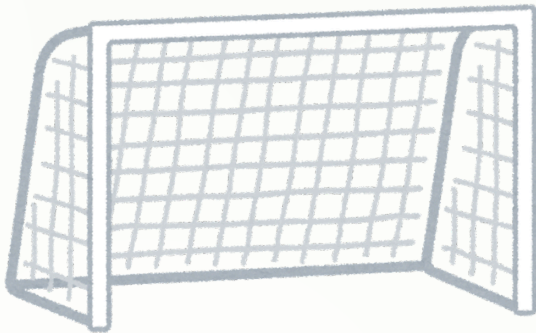
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This is TRUE! If you use your hands or arms, the other team will get a free kick, or penalty shot, for an extra chance to score a goal.



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This is TRUE! Today soccer balls are made out of several layers that can include latex, foam, and fabric.

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This is FALSE! While a standard match is 90 minutes (played as two 45-minute halves), games can be extended into overtime and penalty kicks if the score is tied.

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This is TRUE! The first known women's soccer game was in the 1890s, but it wasn't until 1991 when women's teams got to compete in their own world championship tournament. Now, soccer is one of the most popular sports for women around the world!

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This is TRUE! If a player breaks the rules of the game or acts like a poor sport, a referee can hold up a yellow card as a warning, or a red card to remove them. If a player receives a red card, their team has to keep playing with one less player.

Thanks for playing today!

You can find more of my adventures at
<http://www.puddlejumpkidsco.com>, or by
following along on Instagram at
@milesgoesplaces.

Until next time!

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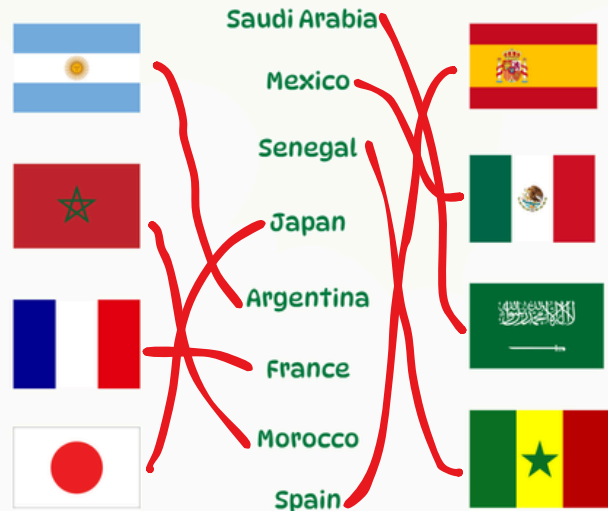
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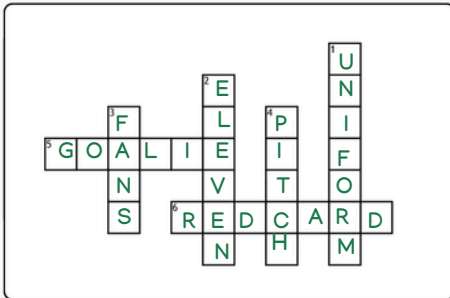
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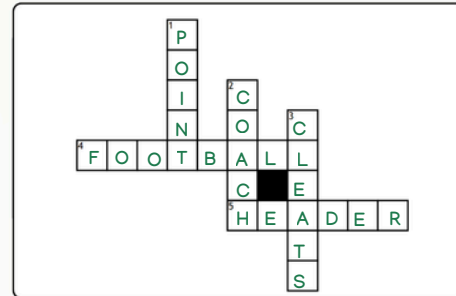
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