

Bienvenue en France*

*Welcome to France



photo by Ruben Lamers

Mini Fact:

The U.S. team won the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup™.

2019 FIFA Women's World Cup™ Groups

Group A	Group B	Group C
France	Germany	Australia
Korea Republic	China PR	Italy
Norway	Spain	Brazil
Nigeria	South Africa	Jamaica
Group D	Group E	Group F
England	Canada	United States
Scotland	Cameroon	Thailand
Argentina	New Zealand	Chile
Japan	Netherlands	Sweden

Soccer in the news

In March, 28 members of the U.S. women's soccer national team pool filed a lawsuit against U.S. Soccer, asking for women players to be paid the same as men on the national team. They believe they are victims of **gender discrimination**, or treating someone differently because of their sex.



photo courtesy US Soccer

Bonjour, Ettie™!

The official mascot of the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup™ is Ettie, a young chicken. She is the daughter of the mascot for the 1998 FIFA World Cup™ France, Footix.



Ettie's name comes from the French word for star, étoile. She comes from a long line of Gallic roosters — a national French symbol.

France's host cities

In France, nine cities will host Women's World Cup matches. See if you can find these cities on a globe or in an atlas:

- Montpellier
- Nice
- Valenciennes
- Paris
- Lyon
- Reims
- Le Havre
- Grenoble
- Rennes



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The semifinals and finals of the Women's World Cup will be played at Parc Olympique Lyonnais near Lyon.

Check your newspaper to find out where to watch the FIFA Women's World Cup™.

Resources



On the Web:

- fifa.com/womensworldcup
- fifa.com/womensworldcup/matches



WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FRANCE 2019
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The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup France™ is underway! This international sporting event will go on through July 7 in nine host cities in France. Let's find out more about the tournament!

Meet FIFA™

FIFA (FEE-fah) is a French acronym for the International Federation of Association Football.* It is the organization in charge of the Women's World Cup and other international soccer tournaments.

How it works

This year's tournament is the eighth football World Cup for women's teams. This is the first time France has been the host.

FIFA organizes members into six **confederations**, or groups. Each confederation hosts a tournament to determine which teams qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup™.

The World Cup has two **stages**, or parts: **group play** and **knockout play**. In group play, each team plays the other three teams in its assigned group. If a team wins, it receives three points; a **draw**, or a tie, is awarded one point. The two teams with the most points in each group then advance to the knockout stage, where a loss means elimination.

* Soccer is known as football outside the U.S.

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Women's World Cup are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ATLAS,
CONFEDERATION,
CUP, DISCRIMINATION,
DRAW, ETTIE, FIFA,
FOOTBALL, FRANCE,
GENDER, GROUP, HOST,
KNOCKOUT, MASCOT,
PLAY, SOCCER, STAGE,
TOURNAMENT, WOMEN,
WORLD.

Y A L P D K N O C K O U T X K
R E D N E G A S B P E T T I E
D A T L A S L E V F R A N C E
L D T N E M A N R U O T S O H
R C O N F E D E R A T I O N E
O J R R E C C O S I G R O U P
W C S T A G E N T O C S A M F
L L A B T O O F T P P U C O I
V I N E M O W V G H D R A W F
D I S C R I M I N A T I O N A

Cook's Corner

Granola Crumble

You'll need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup coconut flakes
- 20 almonds
- 2 tablespoons agave or maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon white sesame seeds

What to do:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except raisins until the oats get sticky.
2. Spread mixture onto a baking sheet and put in oven for 5 minutes. Remove the baking sheet and swish the granola around with a spatula, then return to oven for another 2 minutes.
3. Remove from oven, stir again, and let cool completely. Sprinkle in raisins. Serves 2 or 3.

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You can eat this sweet snack by itself or sprinkled on yogurt or ice cream.

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- a few shakes of cinnamon
- sprinkling of raisins



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. A player who protects the net from a score (6-letter noun)

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2. An ability achieved by training and practice (5-letter noun)

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3. Athlete who moves quickly and fast (6-letter noun)

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4. Winners of first place in a competition (9-letter plural noun)

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1. Jessie was a _____ who carefully watched the soccer ball.
2. Alice showed _____ in passing and kicking the ball.
3. Vicky was the fastest _____ on the team of 18 players.
4. The Royals were the school _____ for the third year.

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Goalie, Skill, Runner, Champions.

Mini Jokes



- Alyssa:** Why did the soccer player bring a baseball bat to the World Cup?
Ali: She wanted to be ready for the pitch!

Eco Note



All living things need a clean, healthy environment. But all over the world, habitats are being altered or destroyed. This is called **habitat loss**. One of the causes is expanding farmlands. As the human population grows, more and more land is needed to grow food. In the 1800s, huge areas of American prairies and Asian grasslands were plowed up to grow crops. Farmlands now cover more than 40% of Earth's land — a vast area that once supported a wealth of life.

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For later:

Cut out the World Cup Groups chart above and keep track of the winners in each group and in the knockout stage.

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