

The Rugby World Cup

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At the Rugby World Cup, you will see these things:



rugby ball



rugby posts



scrum



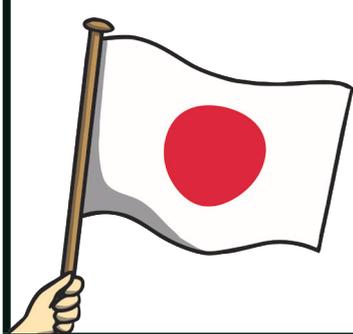
try



crowds



rugby pitch



The Rugby World Cup is held every four years. It was first held 32 years ago.

It happens in a different place each time. This year, it will be in Japan. It will be warm in Japan.

There will be 20 teams playing in the Rugby World Cup. All the teams will have to work very hard to win matches and get to the final.



Did You Know...?

The best team gets a gold trophy called the Webb Ellis Cup. People think the man this trophy is named after invented rugby.

England are the fifth best team in the world. Can they win the Rugby World Cup?

England Women won the Rugby World Cup in 2014.



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 - England
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This year, it will be held in Japan. It will start on 20th September and end on 2nd November.



When Was the First Rugby World Cup?

The first Rugby World Cup was in 1987. It was held in New Zealand and Australia. New Zealand won the first Rugby World Cup.

Since then, the Rugby World Cup has been held eight times. It happens every four years.

This year, 20 teams will take part and 48 matches will be played to find a winner.



Where Is the World Cup Held?

The Rugby World Cup is held in a different country each time. This year is the first time the competition will happen in Asia.

Who Has Won It the Most?

New Zealand has won the Rugby World Cup the most, winning three times. Australia and South Africa have won the competition twice. England has won once.



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The Rugby World Cup

The Rugby World Cup is an international rugby competition. This means that teams from lots of countries around the world all take part to find out who is the best.

This year, it will be held in Japan. It will start on 20th September and end on 2nd November, taking over six weeks to find a winner.



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Since then, there have been eight Rugby World Cup tournaments. It has taken place every four years. This year, 20 teams will take part and 48 matches will be played to find a winner. The rugby players have to be fit and work very hard to win their matches.



Host Countries

The Rugby World Cup is held in a different country each time. This year is the first time the competition will be held in Asia. It is usually held in countries where rugby is popular, such as England, Wales, Australia and New Zealand.

Top Teams

Some teams have won the Rugby World Cup more than once and are tough to beat. These are the top teams who have won the most.

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Team	Winner
New Zealand	3
Australia	2
South Africa	2
England	1



Did You Know...?

The winning team receives a gold trophy called the Webb Ellis Cup.

People think William Webb Ellis invented the game of rugby while he was a pupil at Rugby School. Rugby is a town in England.

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New Zealand	1
South Africa	3

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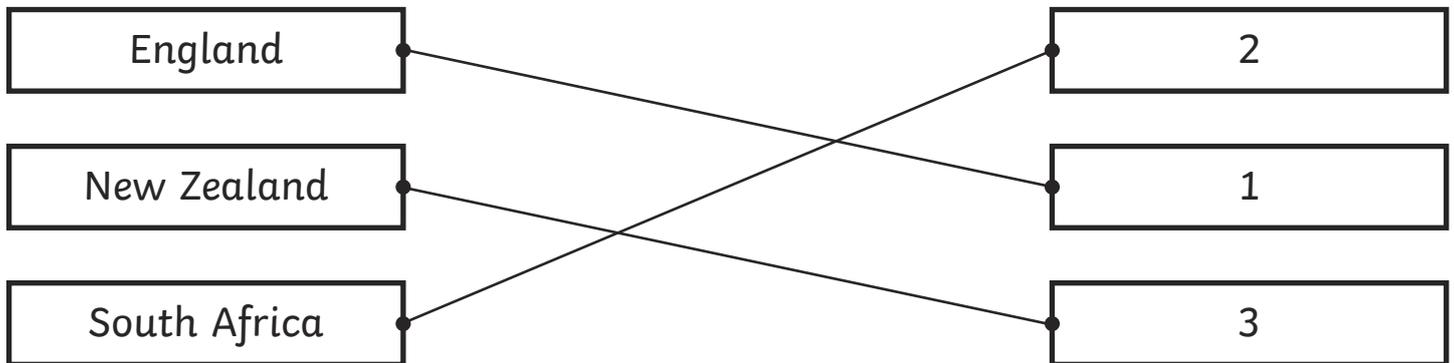
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The man who invented rugby went to Rugby School so the game was named after his school.