

ACTIVITIES ON THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

1. Phonology work

a. Pronunciation of the letter "i"

Listen and decide whether the underlined "i" is pronounced /ɪ/ as in "fish", /aɪ/ as in "five", /i:/ as in "see" or /aɪə/ as in fire. Tick the correct column.

	/ɪ/ fish	/aɪ/ five	/i:/ see	/aɪə/ fire
ninth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
exclusive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
picked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
titles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
like	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
British	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maori	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
islands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiji	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
qualified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
finals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
participated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
divided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Word stress**1. Can you find the nationality for these English-speaking countries?**

Country	Nationality
Ireland	<input type="text"/>
Scotland	<input type="text"/>
Samoa	<input type="text"/>
New Zealand	<input type="text"/>
South Africa	<input type="text"/>
Canada	<input type="text"/>
England	<input type="text"/>
America (USA)	<input type="text"/>
Tonga	<input type="text"/>
Australia	<input type="text"/>
Wales	<input type="text"/>
Fiji	<input type="text"/>

c. Now highlight the stressed syllable for each country and its corresponding nationality.**Here is an example: Italy / Italian****d. Then tick the correct answer in the observation below.**Observation: In most cases, the syllable stressed changes doesn't change.**2. Vocabulary****What does it mean? Tick the right answer.****a. A tournament:** a match an exam a series of games that make up a competition.**b. France is hosting the championship:** France is playing in the championship. the championship is taking place in France.**c. The trophy was named in this champion's honour:** This champion created the trophy. The trophy was created to celebrate this champion.**d. France were knocked out by Wales:** France won easily. France were eliminated by Wales. Wales won with difficulty.**e. A nail-biting match:** a boring match a bad match a match with a lot of suspense**f. They were ranked number one:** They came first on the list. They didn't get to number one.

3. Comprehension work :

Read the article again and say if the following sentences are True or False. Correct when necessary.

a. Rugby originates from Wales, in the United Kingdom.

True False

b. Rugby originates from a boy who was playing football and picked the ball up with his hands.

True False

c. The origins of rugby is not a legend.

True False

d. The best rugby teams come from the Southern Hemisphere.

True False

e. The rugby team with the most world titles is the All Blacks.

True False

f. The All Blacks are an Australian team.

True False

g. The Irish rugby team is composed of players coming from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

True False

h. Atlantic nations have lots talented players.

True False

4. Group Work : who are the players ?

Use the information you have found so far, plus logic, to complete the table with the names of the countries the World Cup teams come from.

The English XV come from the country where rugby was invented.

The Springboks are from the country at the southern tip of Africa.

Manu Samoa come from a small island in the Pacific Ocean.

'Ikale Tahi come from another small island in the Pacific starting with T.

The Wallabies play for the only country that is also a continent.

The Welsh XV are British, but they're not from England.

The Fiji Bati are from a third small island in the Pacific!

The Brave Blossoms speak Japanese.

The All Blacks are famous for the haka dance.

Los Teros are from South America, from a country starting with 'U'.

The Scottish XV are also British, but they're from the country north of England.

Rome is the capital of gli Azzuri's country.

The Lelos live in an Eastern European country close to Russia, that starts with 'G'.

Os Lobos are from a country next to Spain.

Les Bleus are French.

The capital of the Irish XV's country is Dublin.

Los Pumas are from a South American country that starts with 'A'.

The Oaks are also from Eastern Europe.

Like the Springboks, the Welwitschias are from Africa.

Los Cóndores are from a South American country that starts with the same letter as their name.

Team	Country	Team	Country
The All Blacks	a. <input type="text"/>	Os Lobos	k. <input type="text"/>
Gli Azzuri	b. <input type="text"/>	Manu Samoa	l. <input type="text"/>
Les Bleus	c. <input type="text"/>	The Oaks	m. <input type="text"/>
The Brave Blossoms	d. <input type="text"/>	Los Pumas	n. <input type="text"/>
Los Cóndores	e. <input type="text"/>	The Scottish XV	o. <input type="text"/>
The English XV	f. <input type="text"/>	The Springboks	p. <input type="text"/>
Fiji Bati	g. <input type="text"/>	Los Teros	q. <input type="text"/>
'Ikale Tahi	h. <input type="text"/>	The Wallabies	r. <input type="text"/>
The Irish XV	i. <input type="text"/>	The Welsh XV	s. <input type="text"/>
The Lelos	j. <input type="text"/>	The Welwitschias	t. <input type="text"/>