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World Cup

Welcome to our World Cup topical pack for schools!

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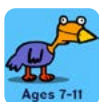
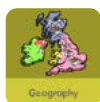
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Find out more about the World Cup, when and where it's to be held.

'Flag matching' activity

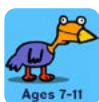
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Can your pupils match each flag to the country it belongs to?

'World Cup winners' word search

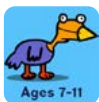
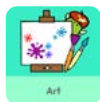
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Can your pupils find all the countries listed in the grid?

'Football kit' activity

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What would your pupils' team kit look like if they were designing it?

Writing activities

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Can your pupils write a summary of a match or a profile of their favourite footballer?

Football colouring activity

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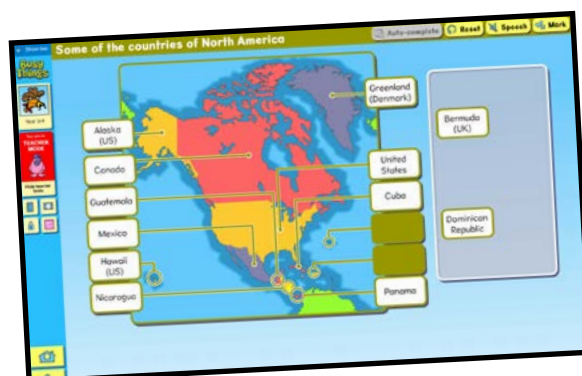
Looking for a mindful activity for football fans? Ask your pupils to choose one of our football templates to colour in.

Want more activities for the World Cup?

If you're trialling Busy Things or are already a subscriber, try some of our online activities too! You can find out more about where the matches are being played by visiting our 'North American countries' activity.

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What is the World Cup?

The World Cup is an extremely important part of the sporting calendar and is often seen as the world's biggest football competition. The best international teams take part, and it is watched by millions around the globe.

The tournament is held every four years and involves teams from over 200 countries in the qualification stages, with 48 teams reaching the final tournament. Matches are played across the host country (or countries) over about a month.

The next World Cup will take place in 2026 and will be hosted by United States, Canada and Mexico. This will be the first time it has been hosted by three countries and the first to include 48 teams.

How did the World Cup start?

The first World Cup took place in 1930 in Uruguay. Only 13 teams took part, and Uruguay won the competition on home soil. Since then, the tournament has grown into one of the most popular sporting events in the world.

World Cup traditions

There are several traditions linked to the World Cup, including the trophy and the opening ceremony.

The World Cup trophy is awarded to the winning team. Two different trophies have been used since the World Cup started: the Jules Rimet Trophy from 1930 to 1970, and the FIFA World Cup Trophy (right) from 1974 to the present day. The trophy is made of gold and is one of the most recognisable trophies in sport.

An opening ceremony is usually held before the tournament begins, celebrating the host nation. The final match is one of the most watched sporting events in the world.



The Women's World Cup

The Women's World Cup is the biggest competition in women's football. It takes place every four years and features teams from around the world. The first tournament was held in 1991 in China. It has grown in popularity, with more teams and larger audiences. The most recent tournament took place in 2023 in Australia and New Zealand. The next will be held in 2027 in Brazil.

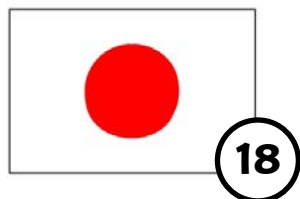
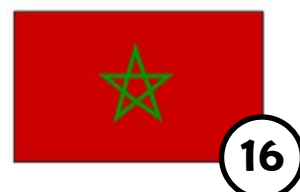
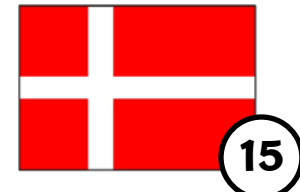
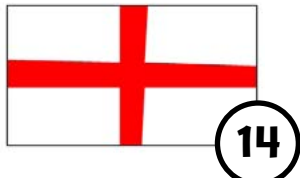
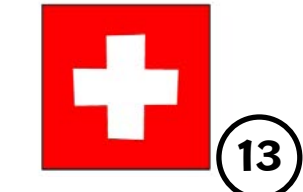
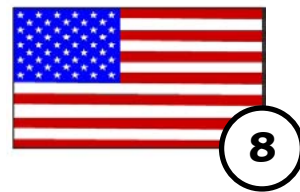
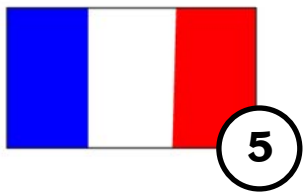
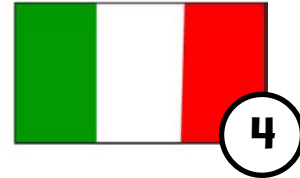
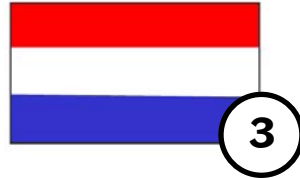
World Cup records and moments

Over the years, the World Cup has produced many memorable moments. Brazil is the most successful team and has won five times. England won in 1966 when they hosted the tournament. The competition has inspired millions of children to play football and follow the sport.

These countries are ranked highly in the World Cup.

Can you match the correct flag to the country name? Add the flag number into the boxes below.

Prefer to play the online version? Scan here. It's free to access!



Croatia

Denmark

Japan

Senegal

Argentina

England

Mexico

Spain

Belgium

France

Morocco

Switzerland

Brazil

Germany

Netherlands

Uruguay

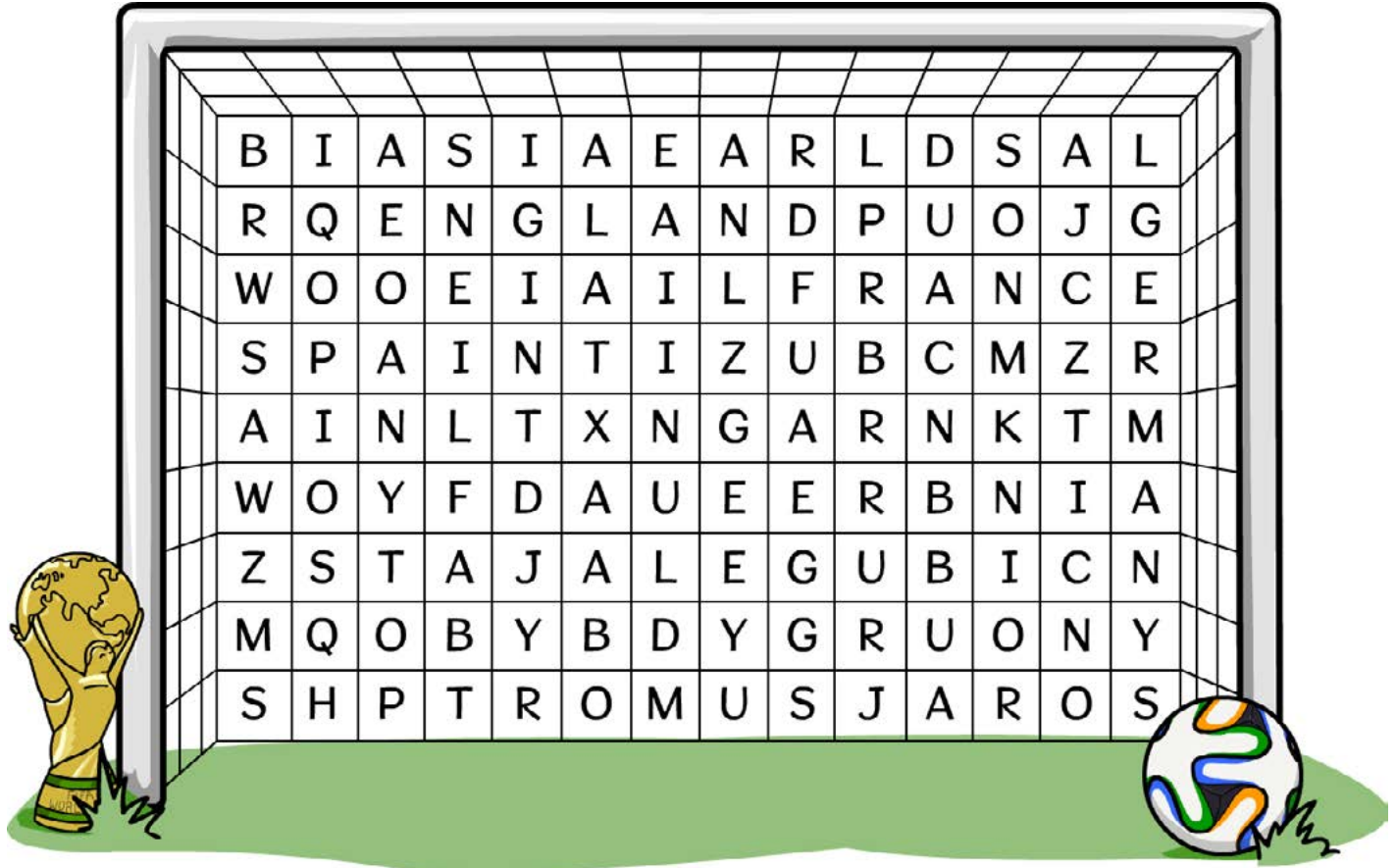
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Italy

Portugal

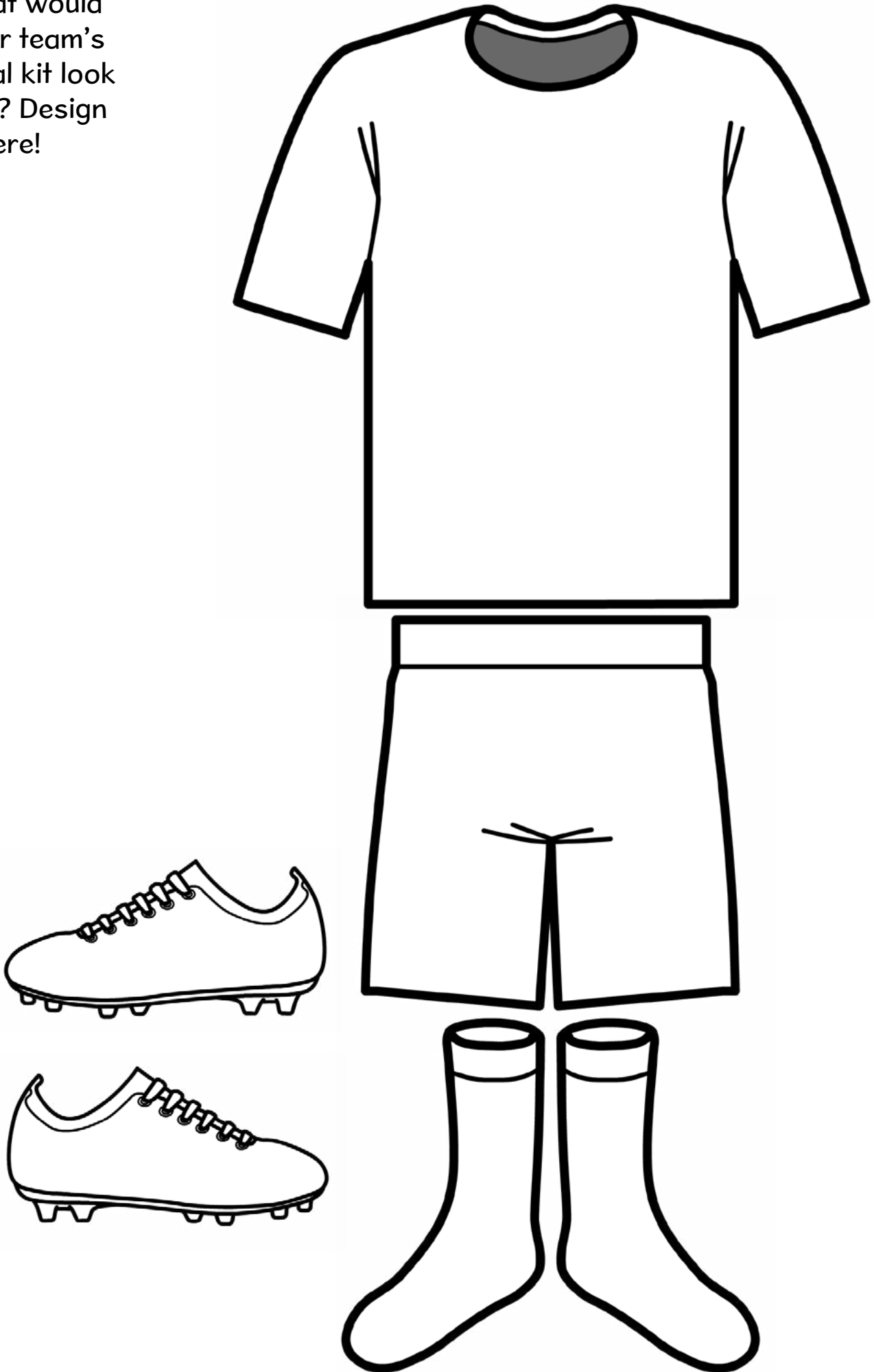
USA

The World Cup has only been won by a handful of countries since it started in 1930. Can you find the winning nations from the list below in the grid?



- ARGENTINA** (Winner: 1978, 1986, 2022)
- BRAZIL** (Winner: 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002)
- ENGLAND** (Winner: 1966)
- FRANCE** (Winner: 1998, 2018)
- GERMANY** (Winner: 1954, 1974, 1990, 2014)
- ITALY** (Winner: 1934, 1938, 1982, 2006)
- SPAIN** (Winner: 2010)
- URUGUAY** (Winner: 1930, 1950)

What would your team's ideal kit look like? Design it here!



Fill in the team names and scores, and describe what happened in each half of the match. Include any great tackles, goal attempts and, of course, describe the goals themselves.

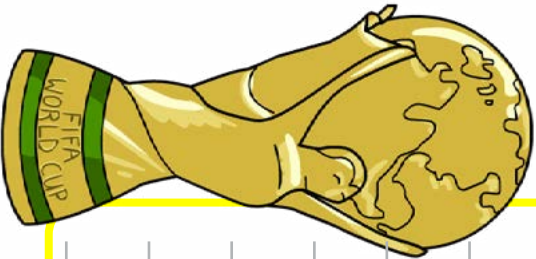
TEAM A: _____ TEAM B: _____

Half-time score: _____

First half account: _____

Full-time score: _____

Second half account: _____



Name: _____

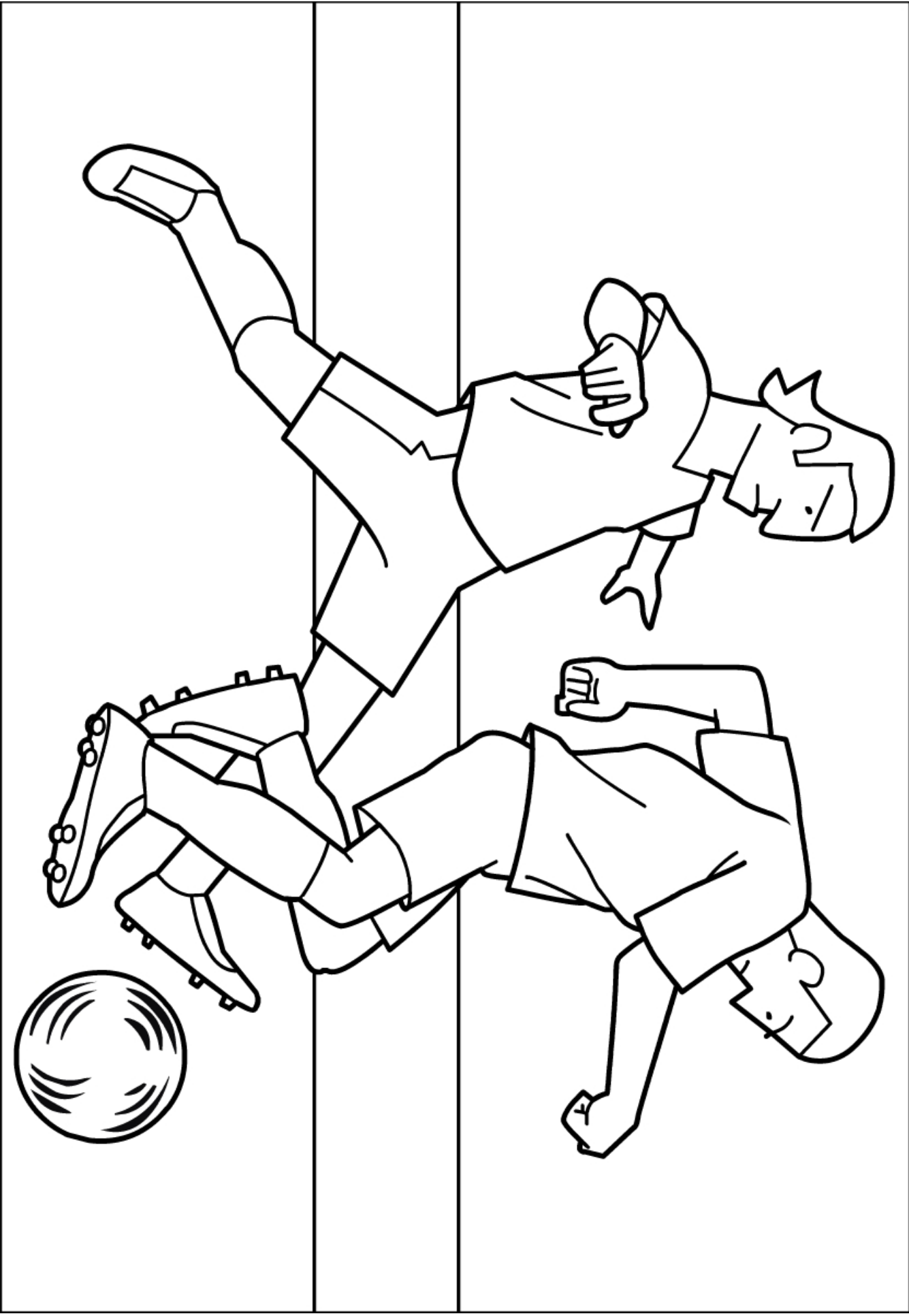
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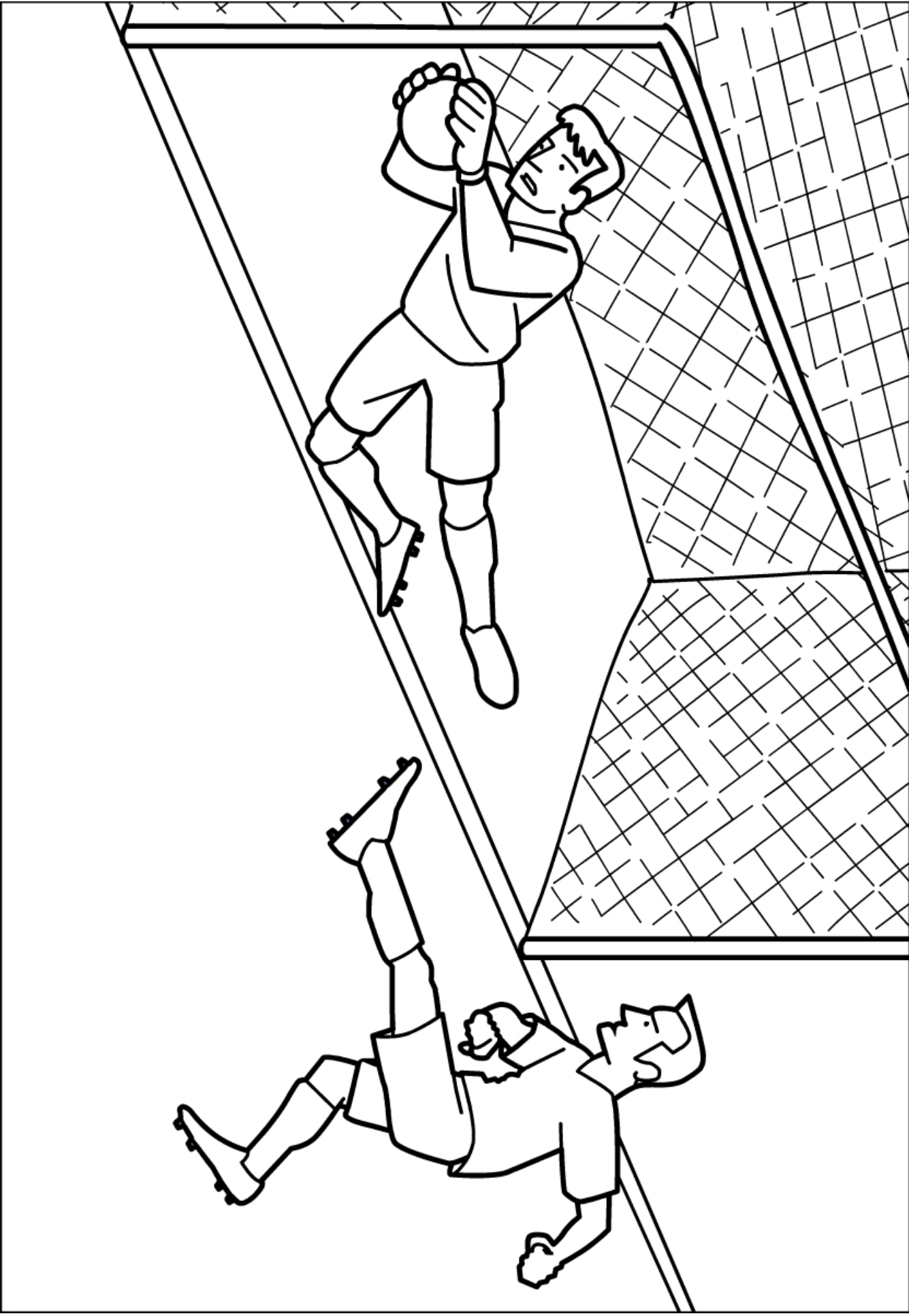
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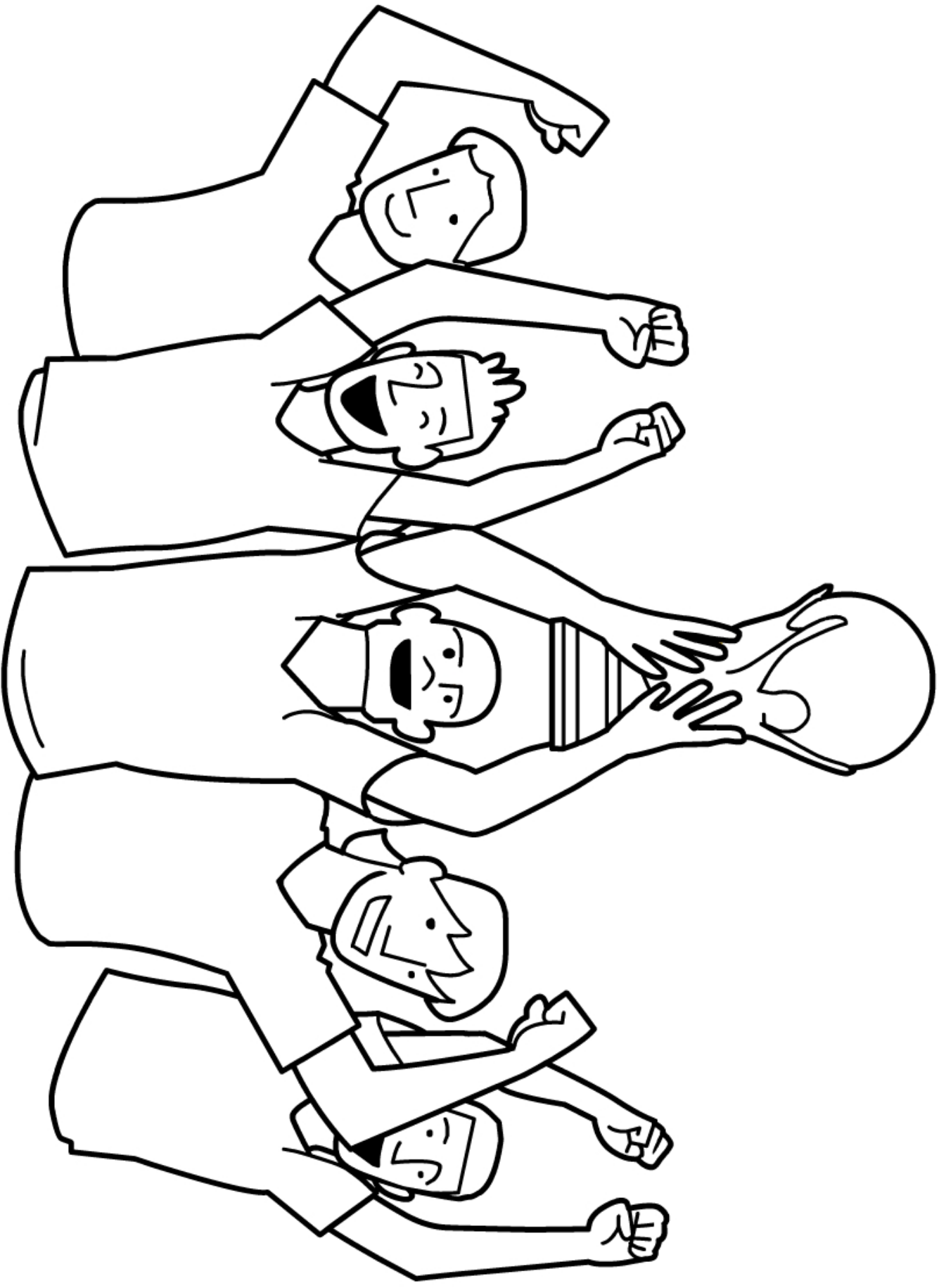
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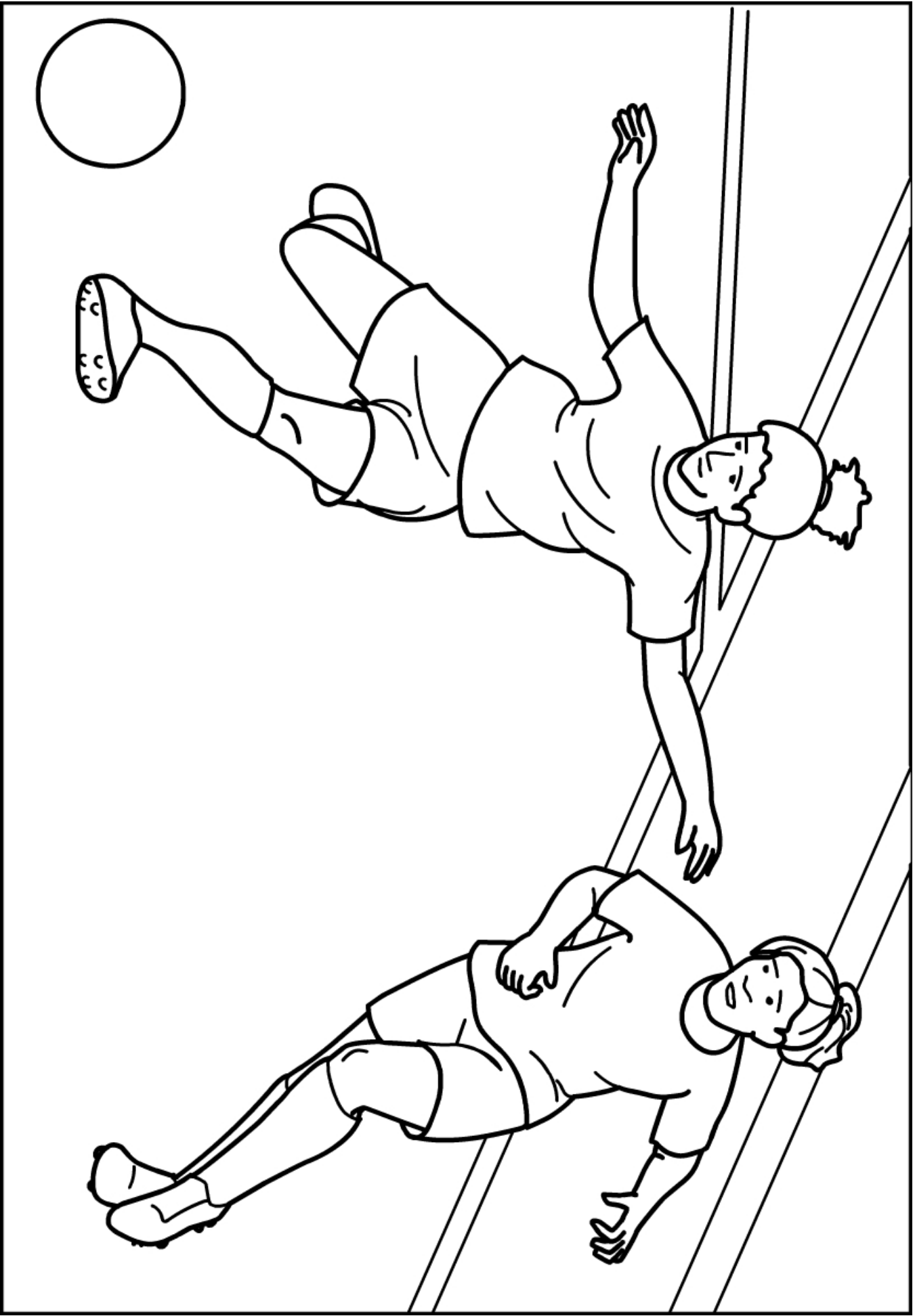
Goals: _____ **Appearances:** _____

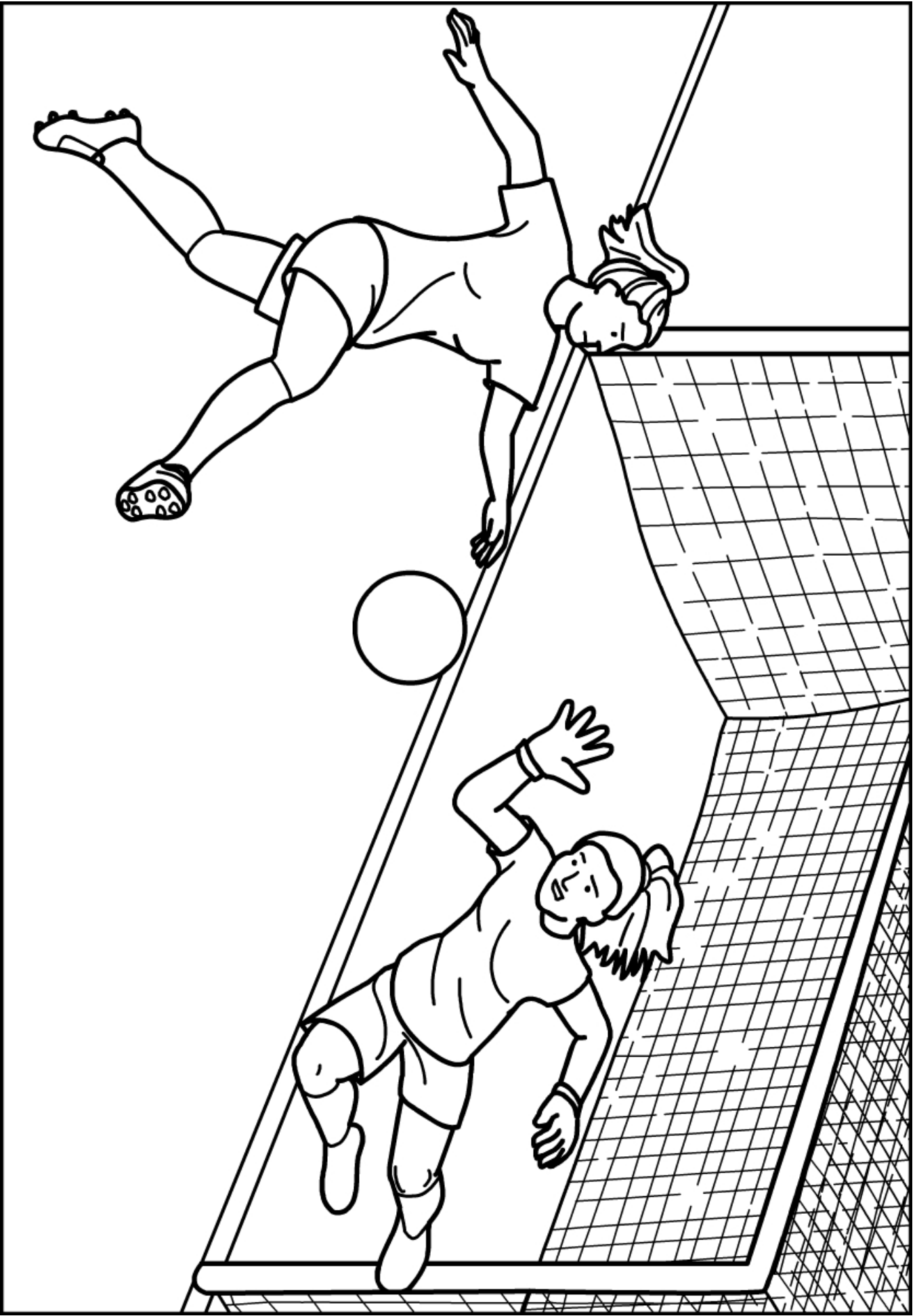
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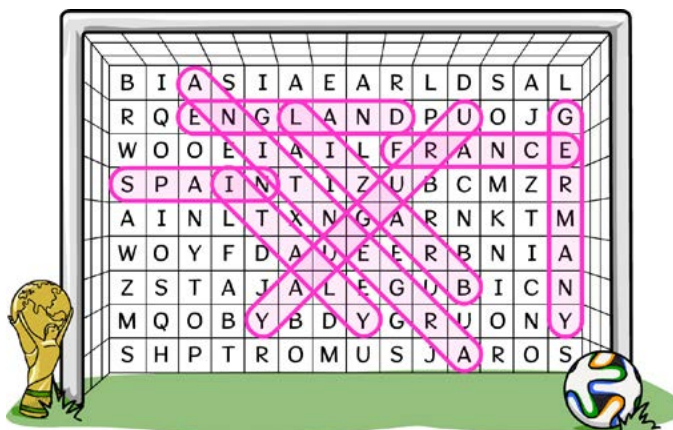




Flag matching

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|-------------|----------------|
| 17 Croatia | 18 Japan |
| 2 Argentina | 19 Mexico |
| 9 Belgium | 16 Morocco |
| 7 Brazil | 3 Netherlands |
| 12 Columbia | 1 Portugal |
| 15 Denmark | 11 Senegal |
| 14 England | 6 Spain |
| 5 France | 13 Switzerland |
| 20 Germany | 10 Uruguay |
| 4 Italy | 8 USA |

World Cup wordsearch



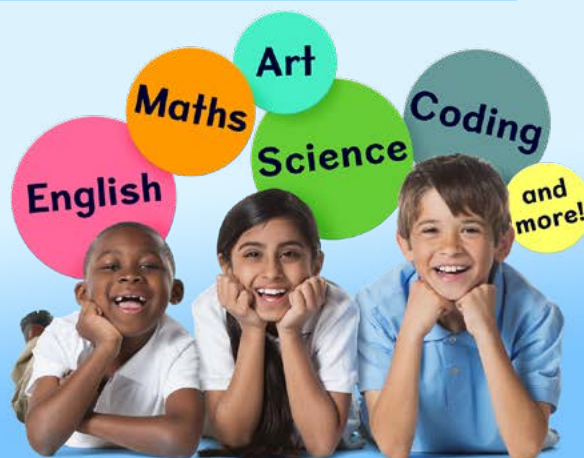
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