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Level 0 – 11th June 2026

New national anthem rule for 2026 World Cup

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is a change to national anthems at the World Cup. FIFA said that for the first time, all players in the squads will sing their anthem. FIFA said this will make the experience better. FIFA said the World Cup is about every player and fan, and the new ceremony will make them more excited.

FIFA said all players singing will improve the pre-match atmosphere. FIFA said having players face each other in the centre circle will create pride in the teams and fans. Other parts of the ceremony stay the same. Team captains will still toss a coin. Players will also still shake hands with players from the other team.

Sources: <https://www.si.com/soccer/fifa-makes-major-pre-match-change-ahead-2026-world-cup>
<https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/fifa-announce-fan-centric-change-081952835.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. There is a change | a. fan |
| 2. national anthems at | b. better |
| 3. FIFA said that for the first | c. excited |
| 4. all players in the | d. time |
| 5. this will make the experience | e. ceremony |
| 6. every player and | f. change |
| 7. the new | g. the World Cup |
| 8. make them more | h. squads |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. improve the pre-match | a. other |
| 2. players face each | b. coin |
| 3. in the centre | c. captains |
| 4. the teams and | d. hands |
| 5. team | e. atmosphere |
| 6. toss a | f. circle |
| 7. Players will also still shake | g. other team |
| 8. players from the | h. fans |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ national anthems at the World Cup. FIFA said that for (2) _____, all players in the squads will (3) _____. FIFA said this (4) _____ experience better. FIFA said the World Cup (5) _____ player and fan, and the new ceremony will make (6) _____. FIFA (7) _____ singing will improve the pre-match atmosphere. FIFA (8) _____ face each other (9) _____ circle will create pride in the (10) _____. Other parts of the ceremony stay the same. Team captains will still (11) _____. Players will also still (12) _____ players from the other team.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

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Write five GOOD questions about 2026 FIFA World Cup in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

