

World Cup – Glossary

automatically adverb

as the result of specific conditions, rules, or laws, without a special decision being made

capacity noun [countable/uncountable]

the amount of something that can be put in a container, or the number of people that a place has room for

The game is set to attract a capacity crowd of 42,000.

chance noun [uncountable]

the way things happen without being planned or expected

The results may simply be due to chance.

competition noun [countable]

an organized event in which people try to win prizes by being better than other people

They should have a good chance of winning the competition.

defender noun [countable]

a player whose job is to stop the other team scoring in a game such as football

fan noun [countable]

someone who likes watching or listening to something such as a sport, films, or music very much, or who admires a famous or important person very much

final noun [countable]

the last game, race etc in a competition. The winner of the final is the winner of the whole competition

the World Cup Final

footballer noun [countable]

someone who plays football, especially as their job

goalkeeper noun [countable]

the player whose job is to stop the ball going into the goal in games such as football

joy noun [uncountable]

a feeling of great happiness

match noun [countable]

a game in which players or teams compete against each other, especially in a sport. The usual American word is game

a football match

midfielder noun [countable]

a player who plays in midfield

Oceania noun

the region of the world that includes the Pacific islands and the seas around them, sometimes also including Australia and New Zealand

qualify verb [intransitive]

to reach a particular stage of a competition by competing successfully in an earlier stage

It would be incredible if Brazil failed to qualify.

quarter-final noun [countable]

one of four games played between the eight players or teams still left in a competition. The winners of the quarter-finals play each other in the semi-finals.

semi-final noun [countable]

one of the two games that are played immediately before the last game in a sports competition. The two people or teams who win the semi-finals play each other in the last game, called the final, to decide who wins the competition.

separate adjective

not together, or not joined to something else

shout noun [countable]

the sound of someone shouting, or the words that they shout

stadium noun [countable]

a large building, usually without a roof, where people watch sports events such as football matches or races

a baseball/football stadium

stage noun [countable]

a particular point in time during a process or set of events

take part in phrase

to be involved in an activity with other people

tournament noun [countable]

a series of games in which the winner of each game plays in the next game until there is one player or team left

vital adjective

very important, necessary, or essential