



The Rugby World Cup – Celebrating Diversity

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What is the Rugby World Cup?



- A tournament contested every four years by the top 20 international Rugby teams.
- Staged by the [International Rugby Board](#) (IRB), the sport's international governing body.
- First held in 1987 co-hosted by New Zealand and Australia.
- Winners of the tournament are awarded the [William Webb Ellis Cup](#) (named after [William Webb Ellis](#), the [Rugby School](#) pupil who - according to a popular myth - invented Rugby by picking up the ball during a football game).
- Three teams have won the trophy twice: Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa; while England have won the tournament once.
- England hosts the [2015 World Cup](#) while Japan will host the event in 2019.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rugby_World_Cup

Rugby World Cup highlights



Rugby World Cup 1987 – 2015 promotional video YouTube (2:46)

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/user/rugbyworldcup>

Rugby World Cup winners

1987 – New Zealand

1991 – Australia

1995 – South Africa

1999 – Australia

2003 – England

2007 – South Africa

2011 – England

2015 -



World in Union - Rugby World Cup song

World in Union is a [theme song](#) for the [Rugby World Cup](#) that attempts to capture the spirit of international [friendship](#) which pervades [rugby union culture](#) the world over.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_in_Union



How does this song make you feel?

How would the theme of unity and friendship make others feel?

World in Union, YouTube (4:36) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zssTsCVhK-4&list=RDg9s3xiFI4Ns>

World in Union lyrics

There's a dream, I feel
So rare, so real
All the world in union
The world as one

Gathering together
One mind, one heart
Every creed, every color
Once joined, never apart

Searching for the best in me
I will find what I can be
If I win, lose or draw
There's a victory for all

It's the world in union
The world as one
As we climb to reach our destiny
A new age has begun

We face high mountains
Must cross rough seas
We must take our place in history
And live with dignity

Just to be the best I can
Sets the goal for every man
If I win, lose or draw
It's a victory for all

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Source:
<http://www.metrolyrics.com/world-in-union-lyrics-hayley-westenra.html>

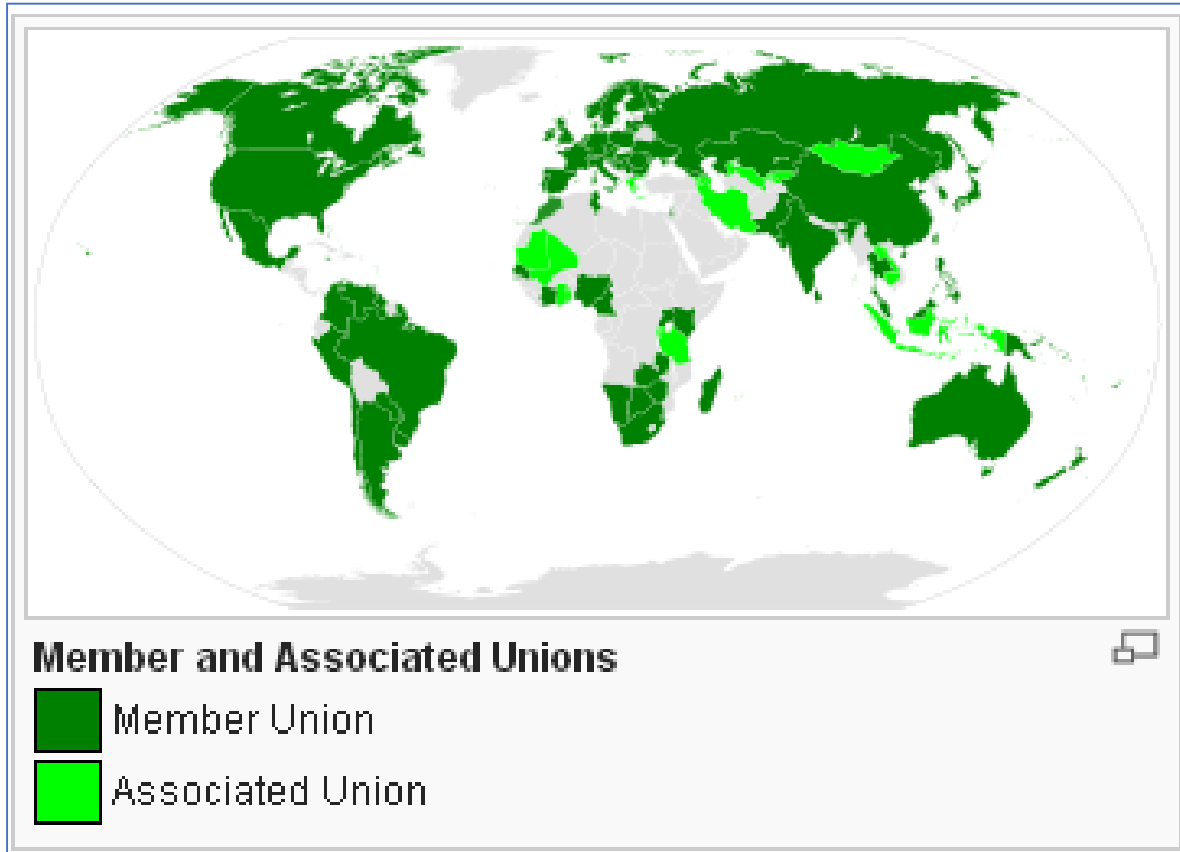


Which words or lines in the song show how much Rugby values diversity?

Rugby brings diverse groups together



Rugby countries



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rugby_union

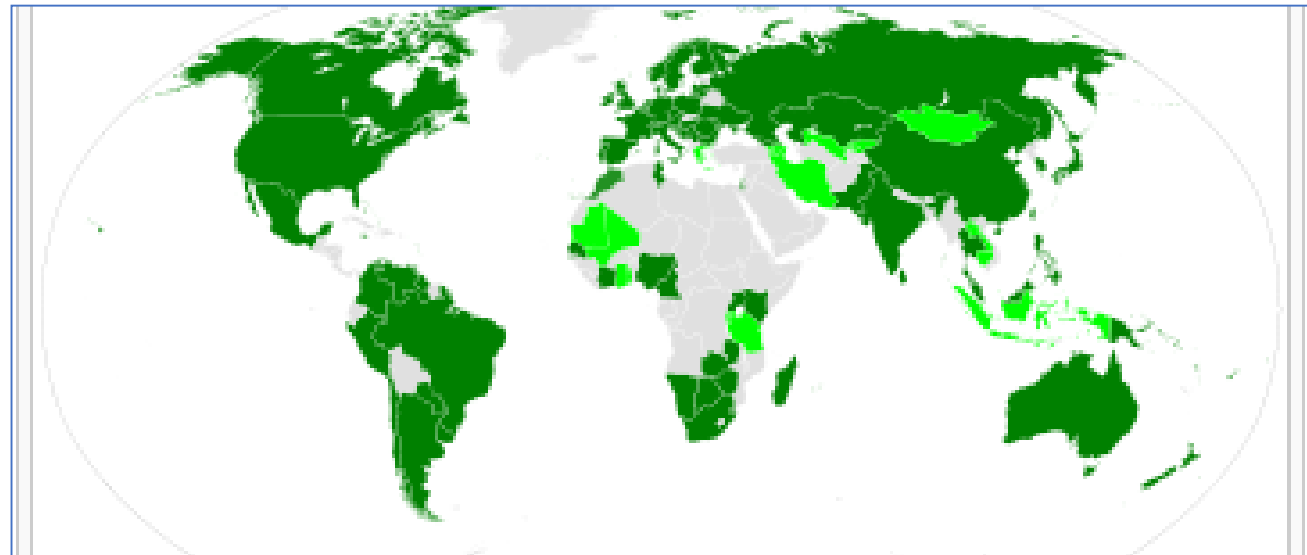
How might Rugby have spread from the United Kingdom to other parts of the world?

What other sports are played so widely across the world?

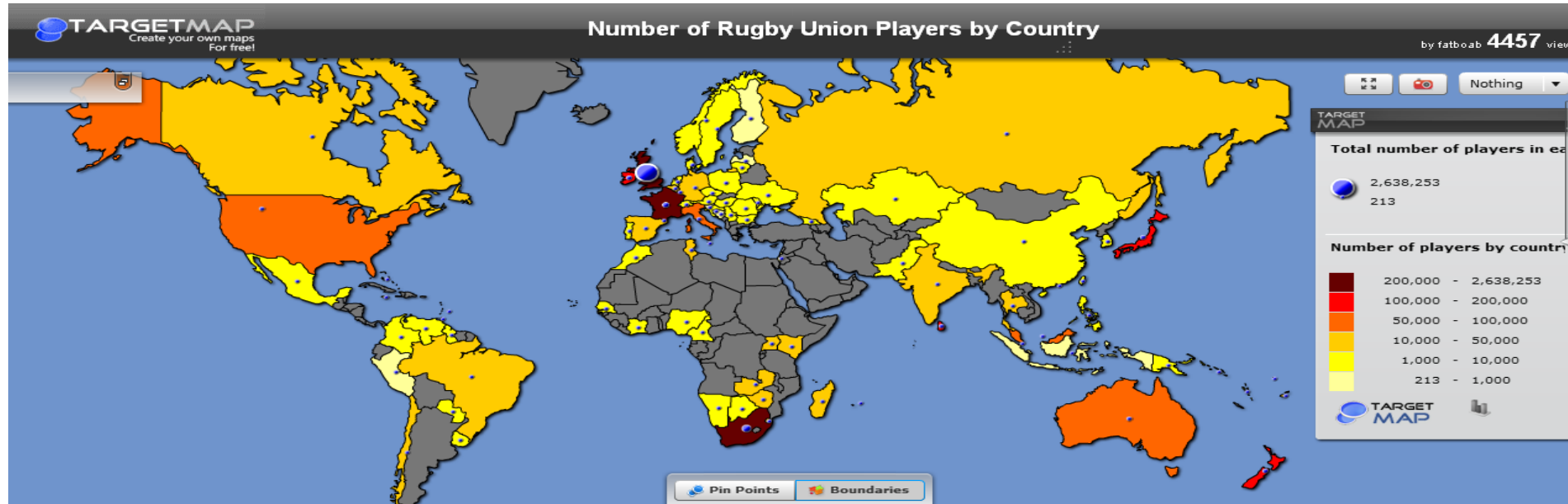
Rugby World Cup online country challenge

- Try to match the Rugby World Cup playing countries from the 2003 RWC on a world map.

[Insert EdRugby online game – Matching 20 countries on to world map. 2003 – but is still fine. Screen shot of EdRugby Online game too – similar idea to below]



Rugby players



1. Click on the map above or go to: <http://www.targetmap.com/viewer.aspx?reportId=6753#>
2. Explore the names of countries which play Rugby.
3. Find out the number of players in Australia and compare that number to New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, Papua New Guinea, USA, Samoa, Canada, France and India.
4. Suggest reasons for the differences in playing numbers.

Worksheet fun

Design a Rugby World Cup ball



Can you design a ball for the next Rugby World Cup?

Will you use words, drawings, flags, other symbols?


Create your new Rugby World Cup ball design below?



Lower Primary


Design a mascot for the Rugby World Cup

The mascot for the Wallabies, the Australian men's Rugby team, is WALLY – also a Wallaby. Wally's motto is "Never hop backwards – always leap ahead" which captures the spirit and energy of the game. Wally is a born communicator who loves playing and educating people about Rugby.




Think about what you have learned about the Rugby World Cup – particularly that it is a celebration of international friendship and is played by many different types of countries from all over the world. Think about the message you would want to deliver through a mascot at the next Rugby World Cup, and design your own in the box below.

Introducing the next Rugby World Cup mascot



Middle Primary

TryTime



Drawing pictures for the Rugby World Cup song


The Rugby World Cup's theme song "World in Union" attempts to capture the spirit of international friendship evident throughout the global Rugby family. See if you can create an illustration to match one or more of the verses of the song and capture the celebration of friendship and diversity.

World in Union lyrics

1. There's a dream, I feel So rare, so real All the world in union The world as one	2. Gathering together One mind, one heart Every creed, every color Once joined, never apart	3. Searching for the best in me I will find what I can be If I win, lose or draw There's a victory for all	4. Chorus It's the world in union The world as one As we climb to reach our destiny A new age has begun
5. We face high mountains Must cross rough seas We must take our place in history And live with dignity	6. Just to be the best I can Sets the goal for every man If I win, lose or draw It's a victory for all	7. Chorus It's the world in union The world as one As we climb to reach our destiny A new age has begun	8. Chorus It's the world in union The world as one As we climb to reach our destiny A new age has begun

Source: <http://www.mabuland.com/australia/worksheets/trytime.htm>

Illustration to go with the World in Union lyrics

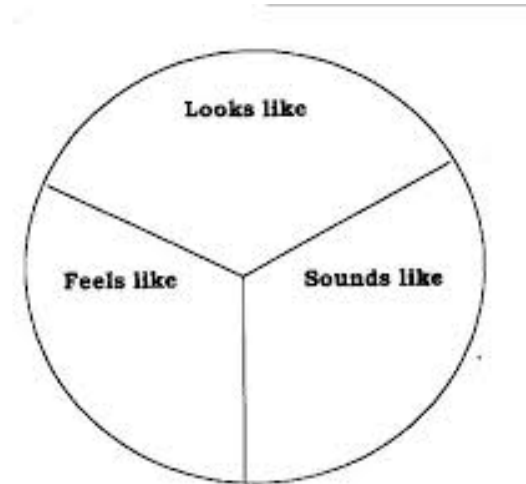


Upper Primary

Assessment idea: Lower Primary

Pretend your Rugby team has won the Rugby World Cup. Write a story or tell your class what it looks like, sounds like and feels like to win the Rugby World Cup.

You could use a Y-Chart to help you!



Assessment idea: Middle Primary

Make up a story using the following title, **“The day I held the Rugby World Cup”**. Your imagination is the limit! Your story could be set in Australia or another Rugby playing country; you could be at home, at the park or at the Rugby World Cup; you could be on your own, with friends or family; you could be playing or watching Rugby; and the reason for you holding the Rugby World Cup is up to you!



Assessment idea: Upper Primary

Perform the “World in Union” song on your own or with other students.

As a challenge you could create one more verse which you feel also captures the international friendship of the Rugby World Cup.

