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# Goodies

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The World Cup is held every four years. I have waited so long for it!



It is a big sports event for the whole world!

## Football frenzy

A HUGE sports tournament is about to kickstart this week... It is the World Cup! Starting this Friday (Hong Kong time), 32 teams from around the world will go to different cities in Brazil (巴西) to play football against each other. The winner will emerge one month later, on 14 July (Hong Kong time). That team will be the new kings of the football world!

This year, the international football competition takes place in Brazil. Brazil is a faraway country famous for its love for football. Visit Brazil and learn more about the World Cup on the next page!

### Editor's Note

The opening match of the World Cup will be on Thursday. The hosts, Brazil, will play Croatia but I will not be watching it because it kicks off at 4am on Friday morning in Hong Kong time! I like football but I like sleeping more! One thing I always do without fail before going to bed is to brush my teeth. If you do not brush your teeth then your breath will stink like a landfill. Turn to G05 to learn more.



Simon

### Vocabulary Builder

## kickstart



'Kickstart' is another way of saying 'start'. You can also say 'set in':

- Big Dee's laziness **sets in** every morning when he wakes up.

You can say 'embark' to mean start a journey:

- Stevie dreams of **embarking** a journey around the world.

### Goodies Learning Card





Janice

► The Jules Rimet Trophy that was stolen in 1983.



G02



## Bet you didn't know...

Brazil is a country of football. It is the home of many great footballers in history. Many people in Brazil are **dedicated** football fans too. In fact the country has many interesting stories about football:

The top World Cup goal scorer comes from Brazil. His name is Ronaldo (朗拿度). He scored 15 goals over three World Cup tournaments.

In some cities where the World Cup matches will be held, people may enjoy a public holiday on game days.

During the last World Cup in 2010, Google searches from Brazil dropped by half. That suggests people spent less time on the Internet because of football!

Brazil is truly the kings of football – it has won the World Cup five times. Italy (意大利) is the **first runner-up**. It has won it four times.

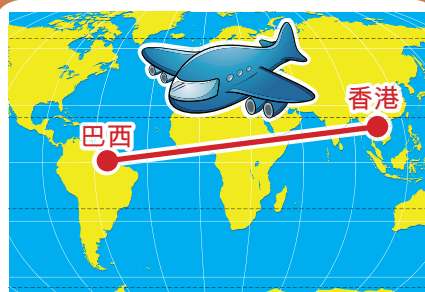
Brazil were allowed to keep the old World Cup **trophy** forever after winning the tournament in 1970. Sadly, it was stolen in 1983, and never seen again.

The Brazilians are so **keen on** watching football that they spend less time on other things. On the days when Brazil's team plays, offices and factories all over Brazil may close early so that people have time to watch the game.



## Brazilian brainteasers

What is Brazil like? The Goodies family have visited the country and have collected some facts about it:



Brazil is far, far away from Hong Kong. It takes more than one day to get there by plane. You need to change planes as you cannot fly direct from Hong Kong!



Brazil is 11 hours behind us. For example, in Brazil, the World Cup begins at 5pm on 12 June. That means the first match begins at 4am this Friday here in Hong Kong.



This is the Maracana **stadium** (馬拉卡納體育館), one of the World Cup stadiums. The tall statue next to the stadium is called Christ the Redeemer (救世基督像). It is a famous tourist landmark in Brazil!



This is a popular Brazilian food – Brigadeiro! It is a **dessert** made of chocolate. It looks lovely and tastes equally good. Yummy!

