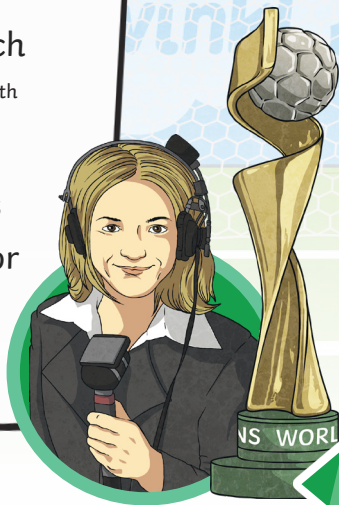


2024 Men's Euros

Germany will host the 2024 Men's Euros and the opening game will be played in Munich this summer. It will be the 17th edition of the championship since it began in 1960. Teams across Europe will compete for the title including England and Scotland.



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After the 24 teams **qualified**, they were put into six groups of four. Germany was immediately placed into Group A this year because they are the hosting country. This year, Scotland is in Group A and England is in Group C. In each group, countries will play against each other to decide who will move on to the next round. Next, the round of 16 takes place with the top two teams from each group and the four best teams that came in third place. Teams will be eliminated until the final two play against each other in the final.

Player of the Match Award

The achievement was first presented in 1996 and celebrates a player's performance in a match. A **panel** watches each match to decide which player deserves the award. It is then presented after the game has finished. Andrés Iniesta and Cristiano Ronaldo the two players who have received this award the most.



2024 Men's Euros

All-Time Statistics

Spain and Germany have both won the Men's Euros three times and are tied for the country with the most titles. Spain is the country that has played the most matches in the event as well as achieving the most wins. The country has played 179 games and has won 118 of them.



The Men's Euros 2028

The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland have been chosen as the next hosts. The Men's Euros competition has been hosted by more than one nation before with Belgium and the Netherlands being the first joint hosts in 2000. More recently, 11 different nations hosted the tournament in the summer of 2021.

Glossary

panel: A group of experts who give their advice or opinion about something.

qualified: To achieve something in order to continue in a competition.

Disclaimers: All facts and statistics correct as of April 2024.

Questions

1. When was the Player of the Match award first presented? Tick one.

- ☐ 1996
- ☐ 1997
- ☐ 1998
- ☐ 1999

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows that Spain and Germany have both won the most number of titles in the Men's Euros.

Spain and Germany both have won the Men's Euros three times and are tied for the country with the most titles.

3. How many editions of the Men's Euros have there been?

- ☐ 15
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 17
- ☐ 18

4. Draw **four** lines to match each fact to the correct answer.

the number of teams in
the 2024 tournament

the number of matches
that Spain has won

the year the
Men's Euros began

the host for 2024

Germany

24

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1960

5. Who is hosting the Men's Euros in 2028?

6. Fill in the missing words.

More _____, 11 _____ nations hosted the tournament
in the summer of 2021.

7. Which part of the text was your favourite part? Explain your answer.

Answers

1. When was the Player of the Match award first presented? Tick one.

- ☐ 1996
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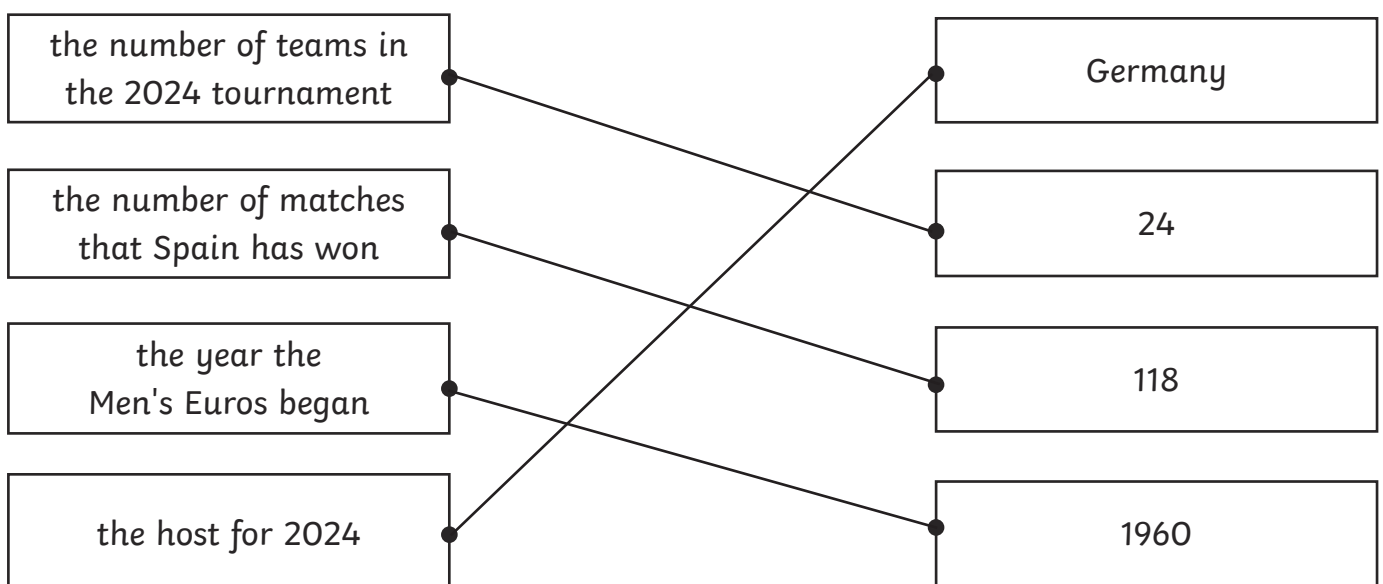
Award 1 mark for:

- **tied**

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5. Who is hosting the Men's Euros in 2028?

The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland are the next hosts of the Men's Euros.

6. Fill in the missing words.

More **recently**, 11 **different** nations hosted the tournament
in the summer of 2021.

7. Which part of the text was your favourite part? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: My favourite part was reading about all the match statistics such as Spain having played the most matches and having the most match wins.

2024 Men's Euros

This year, Germany will host the 2024 Men's Euros with the opening game being played in Munich. This summer's event will be the 17th edition of the championship as it has taken place every 4 years since 1960. Teams across Europe will compete to be in the final match in Berlin, including England and Scotland.



How Is the Tournament Organised?

After teams had **qualified**, a draw was completed to create six groups. They are Groups A to F and each group has four teams. As the hosting country, Germany was immediately placed into Group A before the remaining teams were organised. Scotland is also in Group A and England is in Group C. The tournament starts with the countries playing against each other within their group to determine who will continue to the next round. Afterwards, the round of 16 happens with the top two teams of each group and the four best teams that came in third place. Next, the remaining teams play in the quarter-finals then semi-finals before the final match decides who are the winners.

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The First-Ever Final

In 1960, USSR won the first Men's Euros, which was then known as the European Nations' Cup. They played against Yugoslavia in Parc des Princes, Paris, in front of a crowd of roughly 17,966 people. Viktor Ponedelnik headed the winning goal about 23 minutes into extra time, making the score 2-1.



All-Time Statistics

Spain and Germany have received the most championship titles in the history of the Men's Euros. Both have won the title three times. Also, Spain has the highest number of matches played as well as the highest number of wins. They have played 179 games and have won 118 in total.



Player of the Match Award

Since 1996, an official Player of the Match award has been given out after each game. It aims to celebrate the performances of the chosen players. The winner is decided by a **panel** that watches each match. The award is then presented after the end of the game. Andrés Iniesta and Cristiano Ronaldo are the two players who have received the award the most.

The Men's Euros 2028

In 2028, the event will be hosted by the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Since 1960, the Men's Euros has been hosted by more than one nation five times. The first time was in Belgium and the Netherlands in 2000 and it was hosted by 11 different nations more recently in 2021.



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Questions

1. How many matches has Spain played? Tick one.

- ☐ 176
- ☐ 177
- ☐ 178
- ☐ 179

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows that teams take part in the event.

Teams across Europe will compete to be in the final match in Berlin, including England and Scotland.

3. How many minutes into extra time did Viktor Ponedelnik head the winning goal? Tick one.

- ☐ 21 minutes
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- ☐ 23 minutes
- ☐ 24 minutes

4. Number the sub-headings from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- ☐ All-Time Statistics
- ☐ How Is the Tournament Organised?
- ☐ The Men's Euros 2028
- ☐ The First-Ever Final

5. After the draw is completed, how many countries are placed in each group?

6. Fill in the missing words.

Next, the remaining teams play in the _____ and then semi-finals before the final _____ decides who are the winners.

7. Why might someone choose to read this text? Explain your answer.

8. Write three sentences to summarise the section called **How Is the Tournament Organised?** in 35 words or fewer.

Answers

1. How many matches has Spain played? Tick one.

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- ☒ 179

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Teams across Europe will compete to be in the final match in Berlin, including England and Scotland.

Award 1 mark for:

- **compete**

3. How many minutes into extra time did Viktor Ponedelnik head the winning goal? Tick one.

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4. Number the sub-headings from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- 3** All-Time Statistics
- 1** How Is the Tournament Organised?
- 4** The Men's Euros 2028
- 2** The First-Ever Final

5. After the draw is completed, how many countries are placed in each group?

There are four countries placed in each group after the draw is completed.

6. Fill in the missing words.

Next, the remaining teams play in the **quarter-finals** then semi-finals before the final **match** decides who are the winners.

7. Why might someone choose to read this text? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Someone might choose to read this text if they are a big fan of football and want to learn more about one of the major events in the sport.

8. Write three sentences to summarise the section called **How Is the Tournament Organised?** in 35 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: There are six groups with each having four qualifying teams. The teams play against each in their group to decide who goes onto the next round. The final two teams play for the championship title.

2024 Men's Euros

This summer, the 17th edition of the Men's Euros will be hosted in Germany with the opening game kicking off in Munich. The final match will take place in Berlin and teams from Europe will be competing to win the championship title. England and Scotland have qualified this year and will be the two teams from the United Kingdom taking part.



How Is the Tournament Organised?

In December 2023, a draw was completed to place the qualifying teams into six groups. As Germany will be the host country, the first spot in Group A was assigned to them. The tournament will start with the countries from each group playing against each other to decide who will go forward to the next stage.

After these matches, the top two teams of each group will continue to the round of 16 alongside the four best teams that came in third place. The quarter-finals and semi-finals will follow before the final match between the remaining two teams. This will decide who will become the European champions.

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The First-Ever Final

In 1960, the first-ever final match took place at the Parc des Princes, Paris. It is believed that an estimated crowd of 17,966 people watched the USSR play against Yugoslavia. Viktor Ponedelnik, who played for the USSR, headed the winning goal about 23 minutes into extra time. This led to his team winning the Men's Euros, then known as the European Nations' Cup, against Yugoslavia with a final score of 2-1.



All-Time Statistics

Throughout the history of the Men's Euros, Spain and Germany have received the most championship titles. They have both won the title three times with Italy and France tied for two wins after them. Interestingly, Spain is the country with the highest number of matches played as well as match wins. They have played 179 games and have won 118 in total.



Player of the Match Award

During the tournament, an official Player of the Match award is given to a player after each game and has been since 1996. It aims to recognise the most deserving players for their performance. To decide the winner, a panel watches each match and chooses who is the most worthy. After the full time whistle, the award is presented. Andrés Iniesta and Cristiano Ronaldo are the two players who have received it more than any other player so far.

The European Championship 2028

In 2028, the tournament will take place in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. The decision was made after a joint bid between the **five nations** was successful. In the event's history, it has been hosted by more than one nation five times. The first time was in Belgium and the Netherlands in 2000 and most recently in 2021 when it was hosted by 11 different nations.



Glossary

five nations: This includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland.

Timeline of Men's Euros Finals

(the event was postponed until 2021)

	Winner	Vs	Opponent
1960	USSR		Yugoslavia
1964	Spain		USSR
1968	Italy		Yugoslavia
1972	West Germany		USSR
1976	Czechoslovakia		West Germany
1980	West Germany		Belgium
1984	France		Spain
1988	Netherlands		USSR
1992	Denmark		Germany
1996	Germany		Czech Republic
2000	France		Italy
2004	Greece		Portugal
2008	Spain		Germany
2012	Spain		Italy
2016	Portugal		France
2020	Italy		England

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Questions

1. What was the author's intended effect when they wrote the phrase ...**kicking off in Munich**? Tick one.

- ☐ to inform the reader about football
- ☐ to include some humour for the reader
- ☐ to persuade the reader to continue reading
- ☐ to advertise football as a sport

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that has a similar meaning to 'given'.

As Germany will be the host country, the first spot in Group A was assigned to them.

3. Find and copy one word that means the 'group of people' who decide which player receives the Player of the Match award.

4. Fill in the missing words.

In 2028, the _____ will take place in the United Kingdom and the _____ of Ireland.

5. Who headed the winning goal in 1960?

6. Why do you think teams across Europe want to play in the Men's Euros?

7. How is the section called **The First-Ever Final** different to the section called **The Men's Euros 2028**?

8. Look at the paragraph beginning **In December 2023...** What does this section of the text focus on?

Answers

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Award 1 mark for:

- **assigned**

3. Find and copy one word that means the 'group of people' who decide which player receives the Player of the Match award.

panel

4. Fill in the missing words.

In 2028, the **tournament** will take place in the United Kingdom and the **Republic** of Ireland.

5. Who headed the winning goal in 1960?

Viktor Ponedelnik headed the winning goal in 1960.

6. Why do you think teams across Europe want to play in the Men's Euros?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think teams want to play to earn the prestigious championship title. Germany and Spain may want to try and win it one more time so they can be the country with the most titles.

7. How is the section called **The First-Ever Final** different to the section called

The Men's Euros 2028?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The First-Ever Final focuses on past events as it is about the first final held in 1960. The Men's Euros 2028 focuses on future events and where the next championship will take place.

8. Look at the paragraph beginning **In December 2023...** What does this section of the text focus on?

Pupils' own responses, such as: This section focuses on how the qualifying teams are sorted into groups. This determines who the teams will play against in the first stage of the tournament as they will play against everyone in their group.