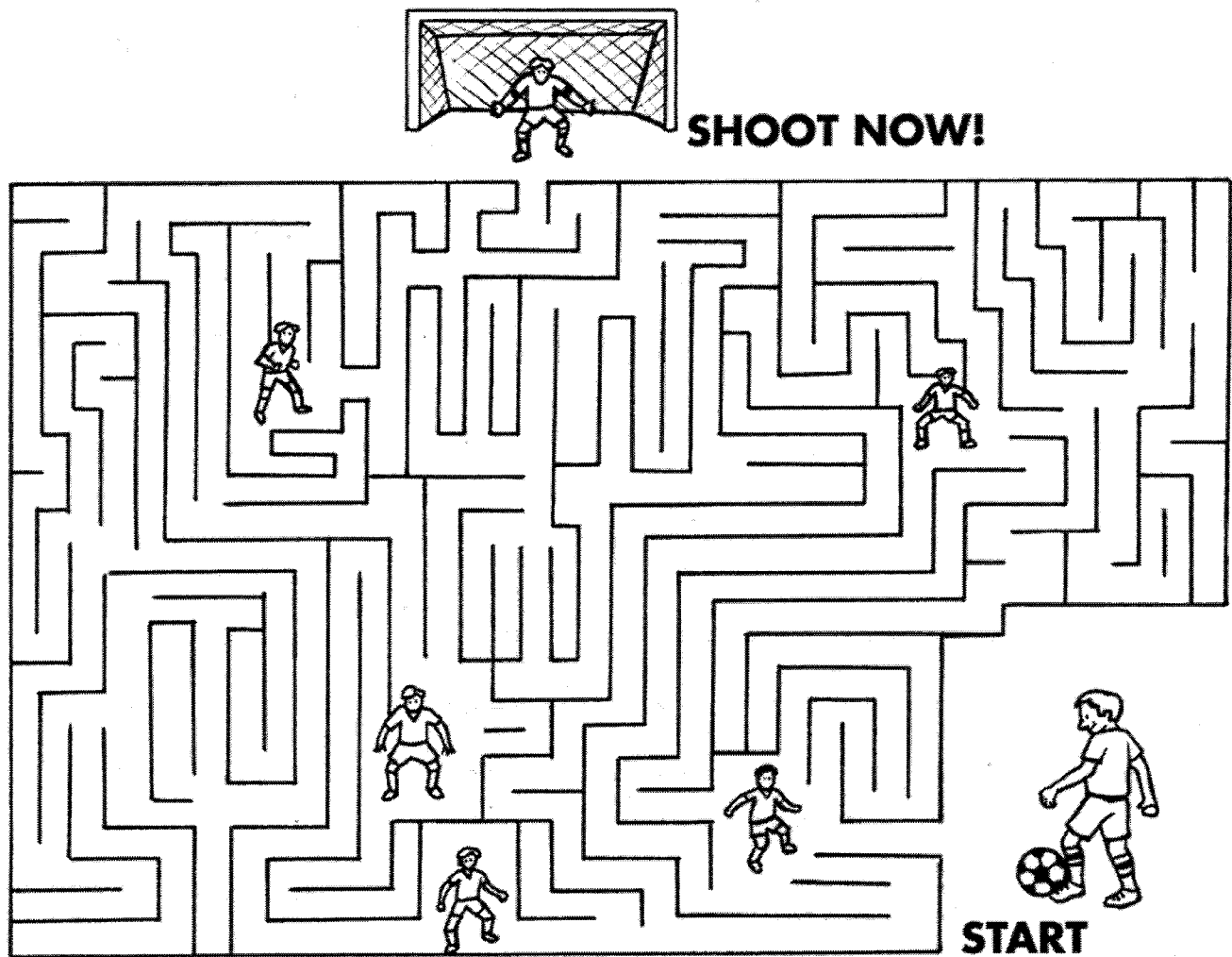


1. Nutmegs

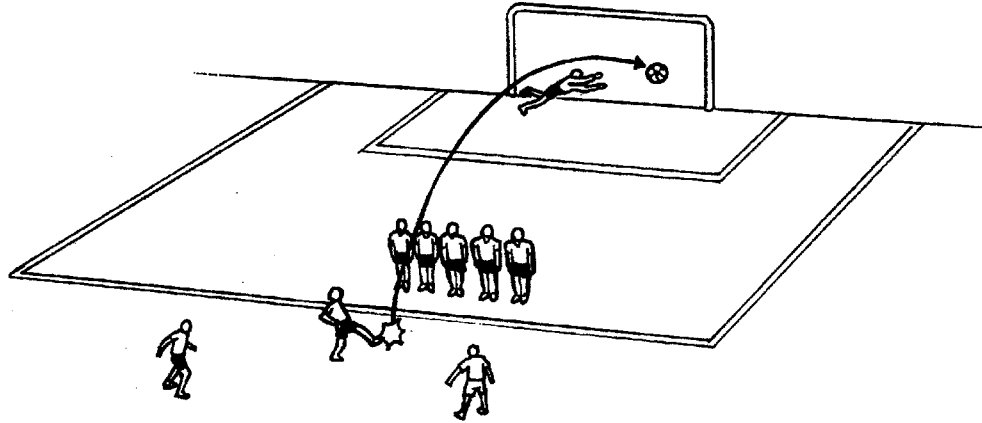
What a break! If you put all your dribbling skills together and are aware of defenders in your path, you can dribble right through the maze and be in position to shoot. Give it a try – it will be an “amazing” goal if you can make it.



To get out, you'll have the chance of making a "nutmeg." A "nutmeg" in soccer is when a dribbler fakes a defender by playing the ball between his or her legs, and then runs around to get the ball on the other side. Great skill, but a little embarrassing for the defender!

2. Chip Shot

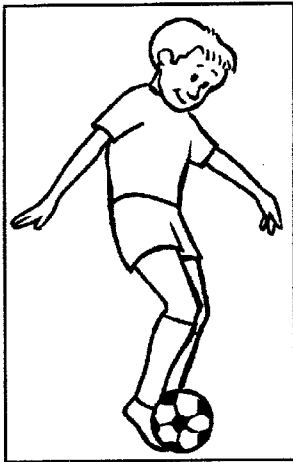
CHIPPING INTO GOAL



In professional soccer, on free kicks near the goal, skillful players can chip the ball over the defensive “wall” of players and into the goal. Often the goalkeeper cannot see what is happening.

SEQUENCING

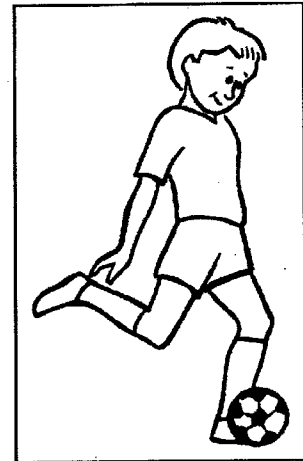
Put the player’s actions for this chipped pass in order.



A



B



C

The correct sequence for the chip pass is

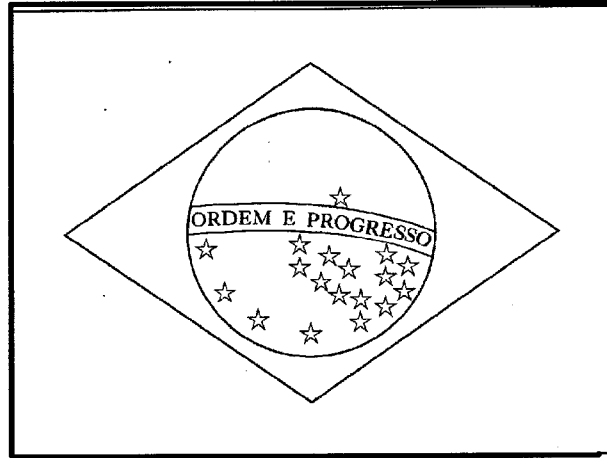
If you like, when you have finished you can cut and paste these three drawings in the proper order.

3. World Class Designer

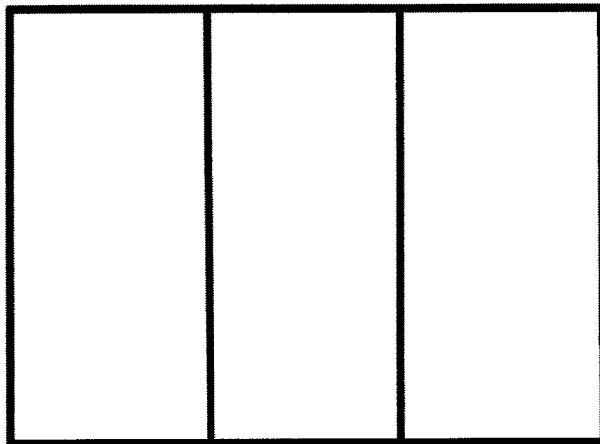
Two great soccer nations are Brazil and Italy. Brazil has won the men's World Cup five times. Italy is not far behind (3). Below are the national flags of Italy and Brazil. Color them. The Brazilian flag is more complicated than the Italian flag.

BRAZIL

Color the globe in the middle blue. Then color the diamond around it yellow. The strip of words around the globe and the stars stay white. The rest of the flag is green.



ITALY



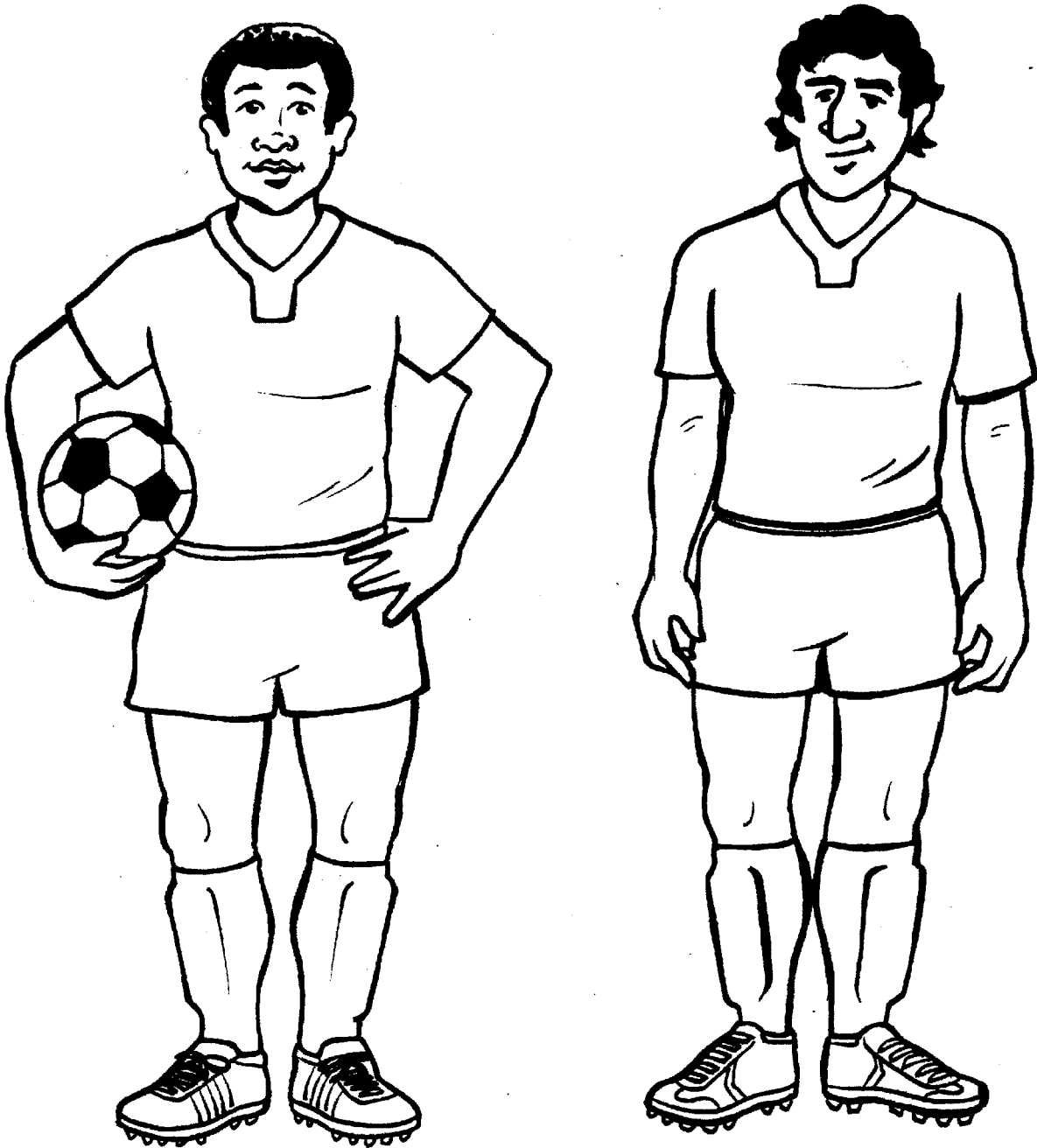
Color the stripe on the far left green. The stripe in the middle must be white, and the stripe on the right side must be red.

The Brazil team uniform is based on the three colors of their national flag. Yellow is normally the dominant color for the Jersey.

The shorts are mainly blue.

Surprisingly, members of the Italian soccer team always play in blue jerseys, white shorts and blue socks.

4. Brazil vs. Italy



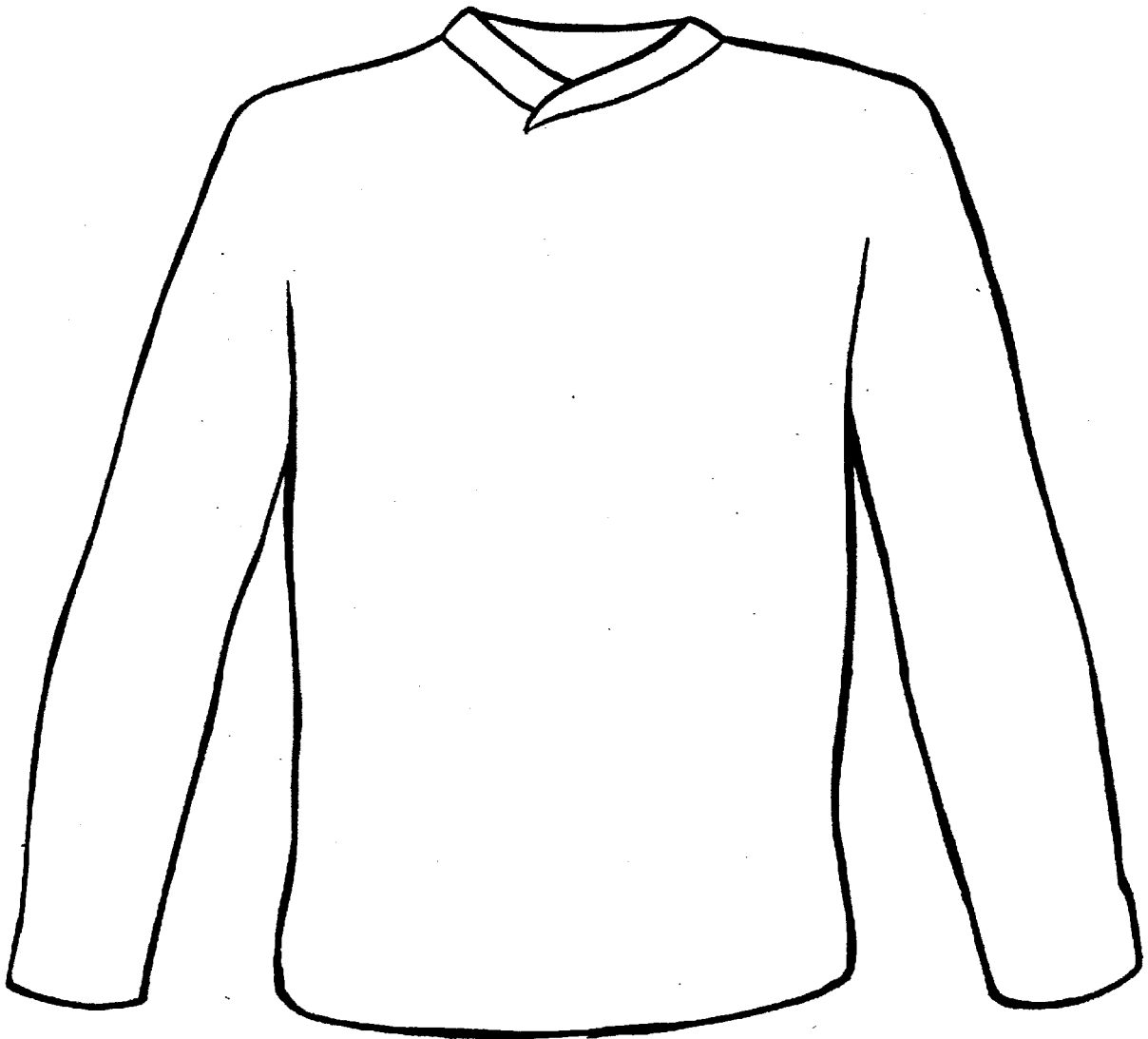
Design uniforms for the Brazilian and Italian players above. Remember! They are on opposing teams so their uniforms must not clash. Jersey, shorts and socks must contrast. It does not matter if the shorts of one team are the same color as the jerseys of the other.

5. Goalkeeper Jersey

A goalkeeper needs to wear a different jersey from the rest of the team so the referee knows who is allowed to handle the ball in the penalty box. The goalkeeper's jersey must contrast with the opposition's uniform as well.

The goalie jersey is often very colorful with intricate patterns as it doesn't have to carry a player's name or number and the keeper must be easily seen during play.

Design a goalkeeper's shirt that will contrast with both the jerseys in the design competition on the previous page. Let your imagination run wild!



6. How Many Balls?

The coach is trying to figure out how many balls he has that can be used for practice. The coach brought 15 balls with him, but 3 are flat. John said he's bringing 3 balls to replace them, but he only brought 2. Before practice started an early player kicked one into the bushes and couldn't find it. Now someone else has kicked one onto the school roof. Luckily the assistant has a soccer ball in his car.

1. How many balls are there for practice?



2. If there are 15 players on the team and each player wants to practice with his own ball how many players will be left out?



3. How many triangles of players can they make if each triangle uses one ball?

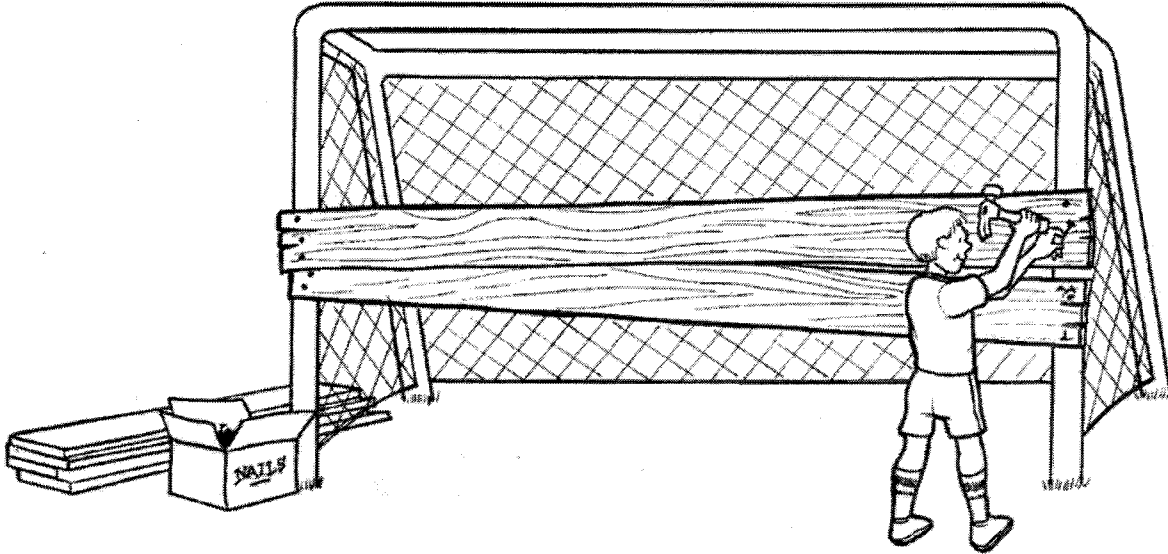
And how many spare balls will there be?



EXTRA! If each ball has a design made of 10 pentagons, how many pentagons will there be altogether on all the balls they finally had for practice?



7. Boarding up the Goal



One way to stop the opposition from scoring is to board up the goal. Soccer goals in adult play are 8 yards long by 8 feet high. We know where we can buy some boards that are 8 yards long by 1 foot high.

**Remember: the boards need to fit exactly (flush), not like our novice carpenter/goalie in the drawing.*

1. How many boards, including the two shown in the picture, do we need to completely seal up an adult sized goal? _____

2. What if we can only get boards that are 8 yards long by 6 inches high? How many will we need? _____

3. What if we can only get boards that are 8 yards long by 8 inches high? How many will we need? _____

**You need to know that 1 foot = 12 inches*

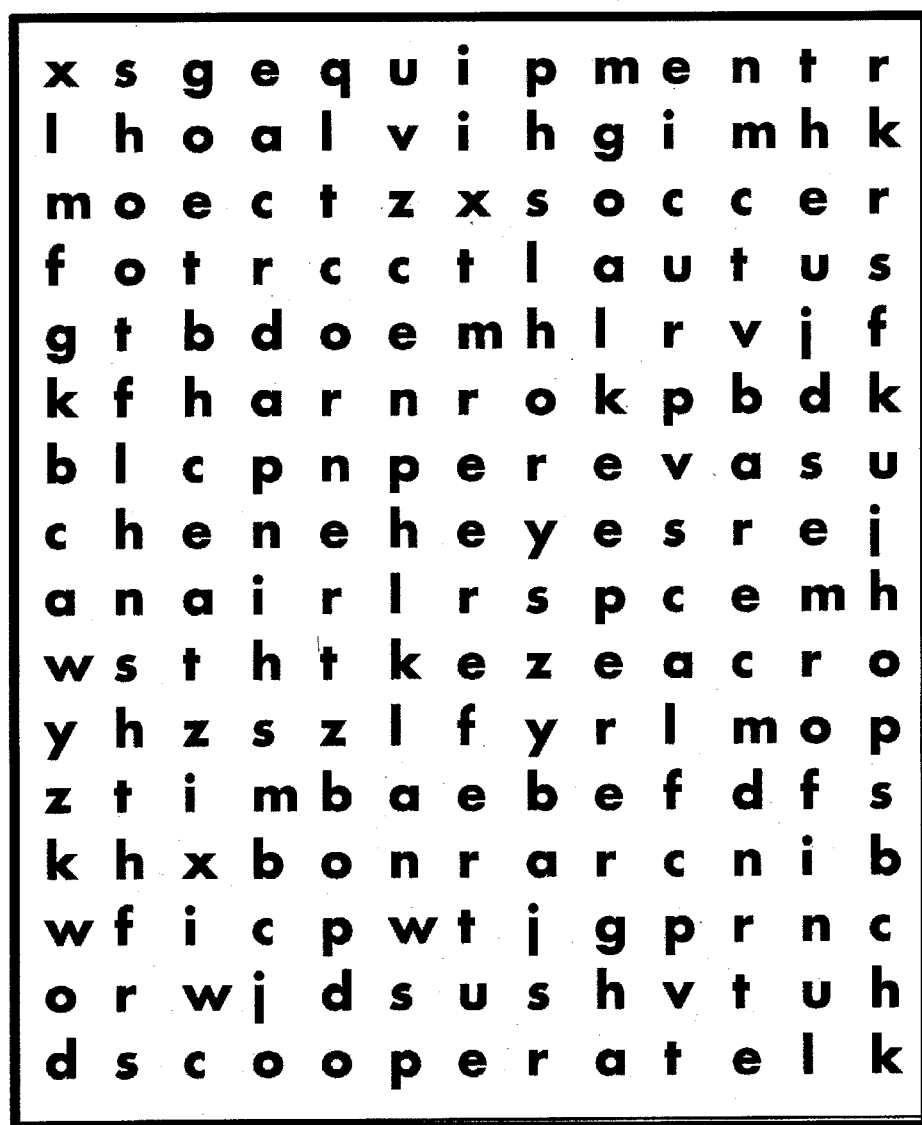
8. Soccer Search

Circle the words and check them off the list

The words can be found going horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.



The word "soccer" can be found 3 times.



WORDS

Soccer

Corner

Shoot

Save

Coach

Goalkeeper

Shinpad

Whistle

Jersey

Cleats

Referee

Dribble

Uniform

Equipment

Cooperate

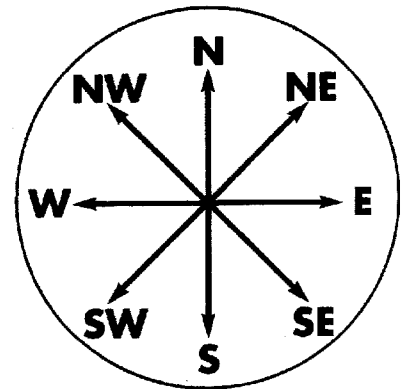
10. ... in the Americas

Four or five of the teams playing in soccer's men's World Cup finals always come from countries in South America. In this part of the world, soccer is the national sport and people feel strongly about their country's team.

These are just four South American countries that have played in World Cup finals:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. BRAZIL | 2. ARGENTINA |
| 3. COLUMBIA | 4. BOLIVIA |

Look very closely at the map on the previous page for the clues.



- 1. BRAZIL** is the largest country in South America.
- 2. ARGENTINA** covers most of the southern South America.
- 3. COLUMBIA** is in the north west of South America, west of Venezuela.
- 4. BOLIVIA** is directly north west of Paraguay.

Can you match the country to its location on the map? Put the country's number in the circle on the correct place on the map. Make each country a different color.

*Did you know that Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Islands make up what is called Latin America?

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Put in # 5 for Mexico (directly south of the US)
 #6 for Canada (directly north of the US)

12. Crossword Clues

How many soccer words do you know? Let's see if you know the ones needed on the previous page.

Use these clues to figure out the answer to the crossword.

ACROSS

1. The main field official during a soccer game.
3. The way a game is started from the center of the field (two words).
5. The five-sided geometric shape on a soccer ball's surface.
6. To regain possession of the ball, defenders may need to do this.
7. Considered by many to be the greatest soccer player ever.
8. The correct name for the goalie is the goal _____.
11. This rule only applies in the attacking half of the field.
13. Rearmost central defender who organizes the defending play.
14. A player positioned in an advanced attacking area expected to score.
15. A pass or shot made with the forehead.

DOWN

1. The shape of a soccer field.
2. A player trying to help score when his/her team has the ball.
4. Each team tries to gain _____ of the ball.
5. When a foul is committed by a defender close to the goal, the referee may award a _____ kick.
6. How the ball is put back into play from the sideline (two words).
7. Movement of the ball from one player to another, usually by kicking.
9. The parts that stick out on the sole of the shoe to prevent a player from slipping.
10. A player trying to help stop a goal when the opposition has the ball.
12. A pass made from the wings into the penalty area.

13. Offside

Offside is one of the most difficult rules in soccer.

You'll often hear fans, players and coaches arguing about it. As a sporting player you should not argue with the referee's decision.

Remember, the referee is always right – even when he/she is wrong! Sounds weird, but in order to make sure the game keeps going the referee must have the power to make final decisions.

Otherwise, it would be a free-for-all and not much fun.

The offside rule may be hard to learn, but it makes the game exciting with breakaways on goal and thrilling 1 vs. 1 duels.

Some of the main features of offside:

1. You cannot be offside in your own half of the field, only in the attacking half.
2. Offside is judged at the time the ball is last played (kicked or headed) not as the ball arrives. A lot of people get this wrong.
3. To be onside, not offside, there must be at least two opposing players between you and the goal line – or at least level with you and the goal line.
Usually the goalkeeper is one of the two, but not always
4. You cannot be offside if the ball is played back to you or if you ran and dribbled with the ball yourself from an onside position.

Have a look at the two identical drawings of the game on the next page.

The player with the ball is an attacker who is about to play the ball forward.

In one drawing, arrange the teams by coloring the uniforms (different colors for each team) or circle the defending players so that it looks as if at least one player is offside.

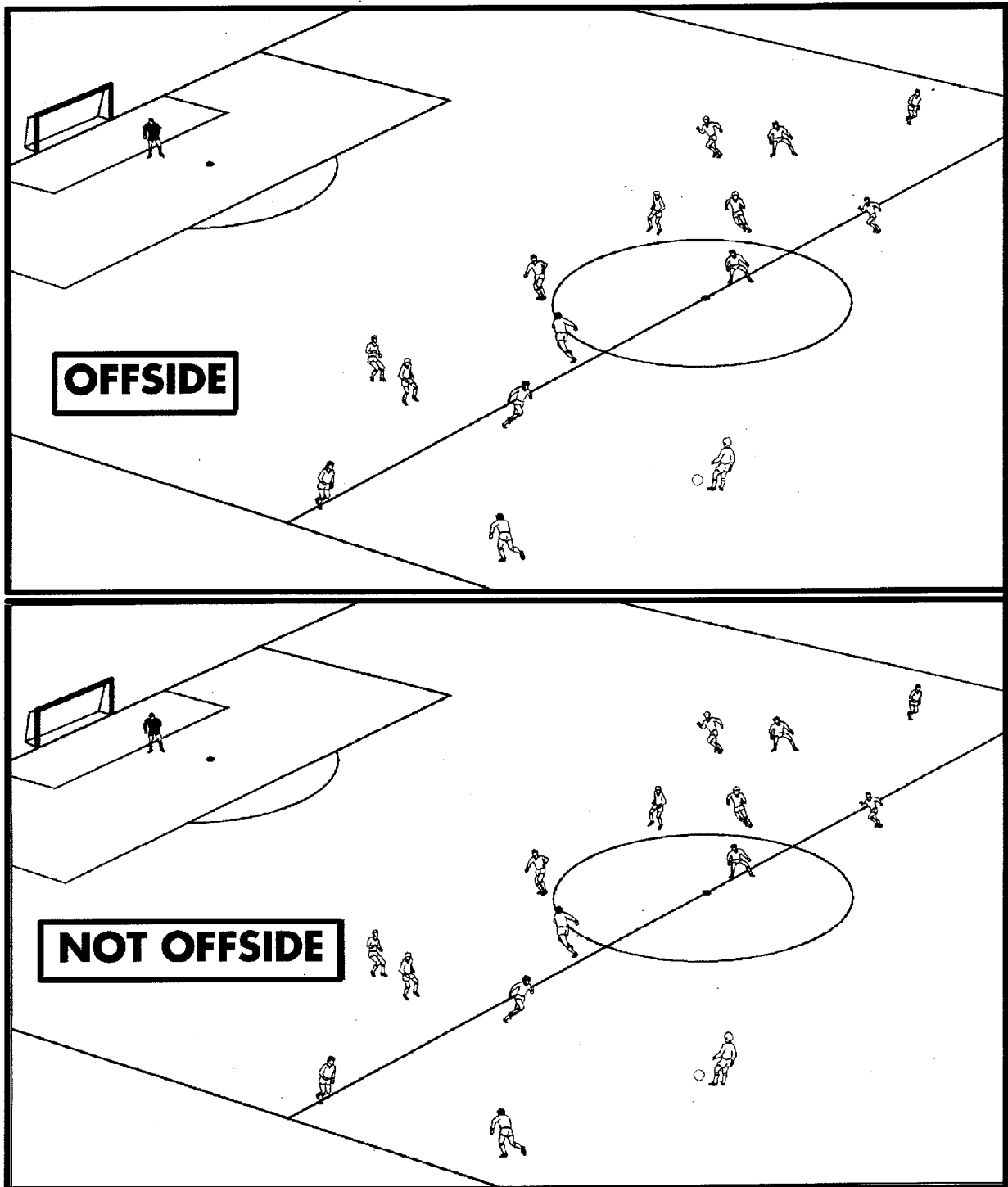
When we say “looks as if” that is one of the problems for the referee and linesmen (* Now called assistant referees) – being able to judge offside. The linesmen assist the referee in making calls.

There are two linesmen, one in each half and they always place themselves on the sideline in a good position to see the offside. It would be easier if the referee was a bird and could fly right over the field and get a more accurate bird's eye view of offside situations.

In the second drawing color in the uniforms or circle the defenders so that the attacking team does not appear to be offside.

* Most people still call Assistant Referees “linesmen” because it is easier to say.

14. Offside or Not!



15. Decoding 1

Try unscrambling the following soccer words. They fit into the categories named in the boxes. There are 5 in each category. Knowing this should help you place and unscramble the more difficult words.

DOFRWAR

CSSOK

FNEDEERD

NGCIKIK

ANLNESIM

BLBRIDNGI

PEOALGREKE

NPSADHIS

SAPNGIS

SYEJER

HDANGIE

EFREERE

NTGCALIK

SEHOS

RTHSOS

SKILLS

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

UNIFORM

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

16. Stadium Math

Below are capacities of the stadiums (stadia) in which soccer has been played in the United States.

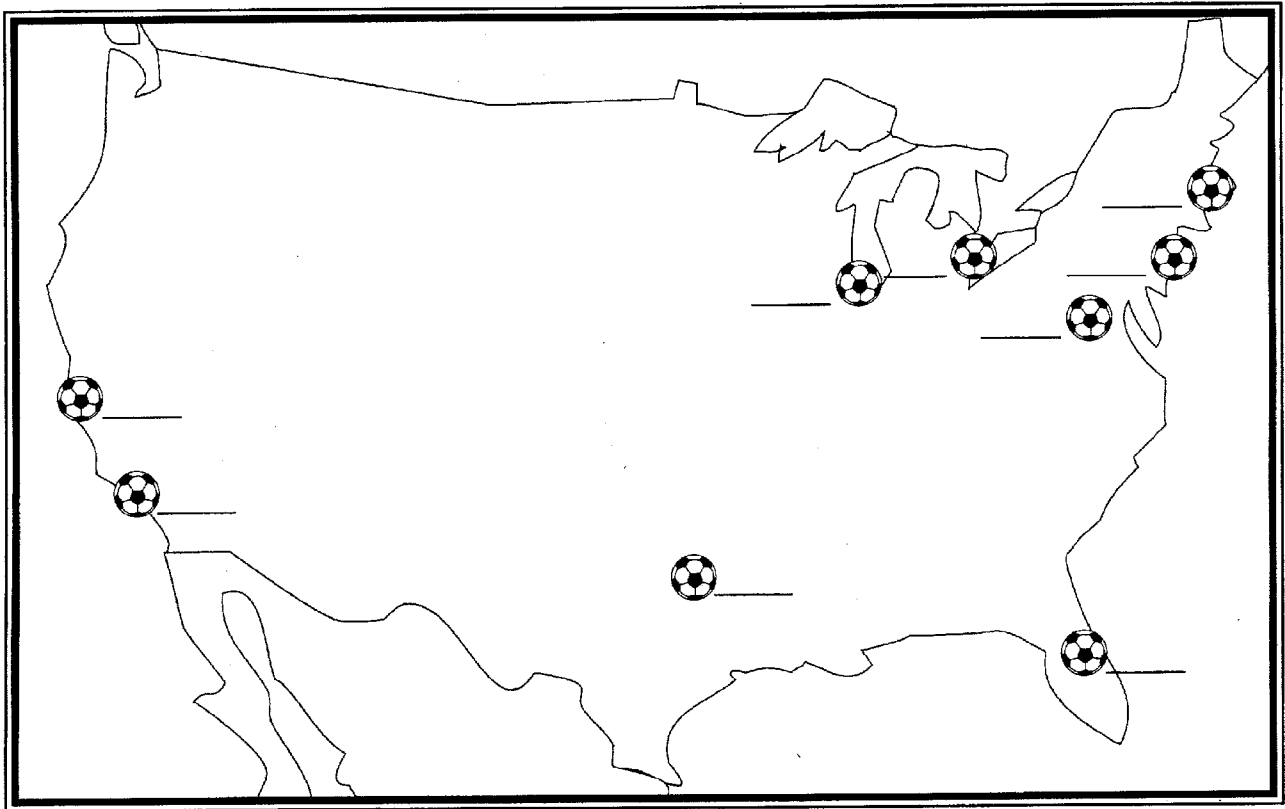
Los Angeles.....	Rose Bowl, Pasadena91,794
San Francisco.....	Stanford Stadium.....80,906
Detroit.....	Pontiac Silverdome.....77,557
Boston.....	Foxboro Stadium.....53,644
New York/New Jersey...	Giants Stadium.....75,338
Washington, DC.....	RFK Stadium.....53,142
Orlando	Citrus Bowl.....61,219
Dallas.....	Cotton Bowl.....63,998
Chicago.....	Soldier Field.....63,117

Capacity means how many seats are in the stadium for spectators.

Use the list of stadiums (stadia) to answer the questions on the next page.

18. Stadium Map

Place that Stadium!



In 1994, the World Cup of soccer was hosted by the United States for the very first time. Since then the women's World Cup has been held twice (1999 and 2003). All the stadiums and cities for the 1994 World cup have been identified by a soccer ball. Put the appropriate number of the city (use numbers on the previous page) by the ball.

Use a map or encyclopedia to help you.

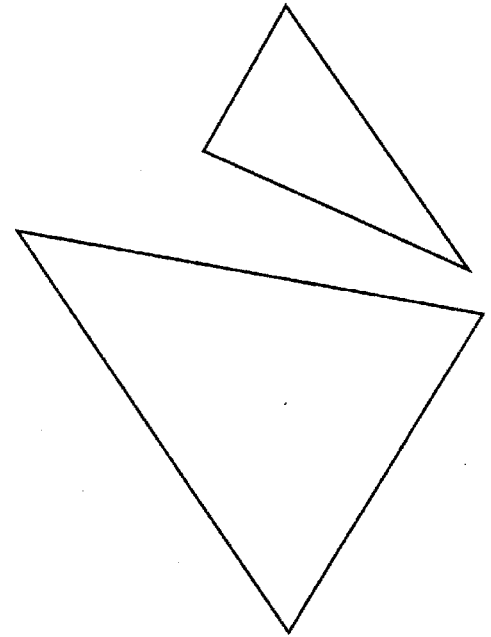
20. The Balancing Act

TRIANGULAR PLAY

Look at the bigger triangle first. Put an X or draw in a player at each point of the triangle.

Put an “o” or a player at each point of the smaller triangle.

Now you need to draw a rectangle around the triangles so they just fit inside – but don’t quite touch the triangles. This is going to be the outside lines of the soccer field. Please use a ruler and remember opposite sides must be equal in length.



Draw in a goal at both ends of triangle.

Look at both the triangles. Attacking triangles are usually larger than defending triangles. Color in the attacking triangle.

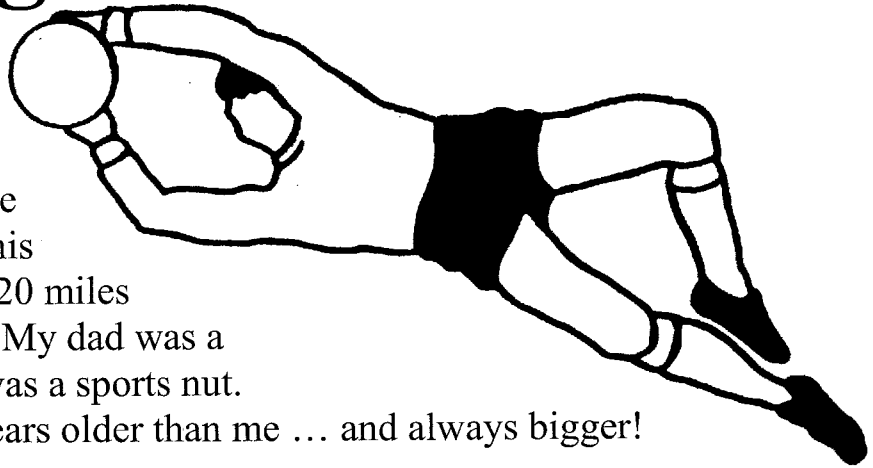
We have positioned the defending triangle correctly. Which player on the attacking team has the ball? Clue: One defender should always try to challenge the attacker with the ball.

Circle the X or drawing of the player you think has the ball.

Note the rear supporting player at the back of both triangles. They give “soccer balance” to their teammates. It is our soccer balancing act!

22. Big Brother Mick

by Tony Waiters



I was born to be a soccer goalkeeper. How could it have been otherwise? I came into this world in Southport, England; 20 miles from soccer crazy Liverpool. My dad was a great soccer fan; my mother was a sports nut. My brother Mick was 3 1/2 years older than me ... and always bigger!

So with that background I had to play soccer. I had to play with my big brother. He had to have someone to shoot the soccer ball at and he had me tagging along.

But it wasn't exactly a case of being dragged into goal, kicking and screaming. I loved it! The acrobatic and dramatic nature of the position appealed to me from goalkeeping Day One!

Mick and I devised our own soccer games. Our favorite was Liverpool versus Newcastle. He was Liverpool; I was Newcastle United. We would play the game on Blundell's field, the local soccer park, which was only five minutes from our home – three minutes if you ran (which we usually did!).

The rules of our game were simple. Mick was required to shoot at goal anytime, anywhere, but no nearer the goal than the edge of the penalty box. He counted a goal every time he scored. What else? I "scored" every time I made an exceptional save. In the event of a dispute my only recourse was to appeal to the referee and arbitrator.

You're right, that was Brother Mick!

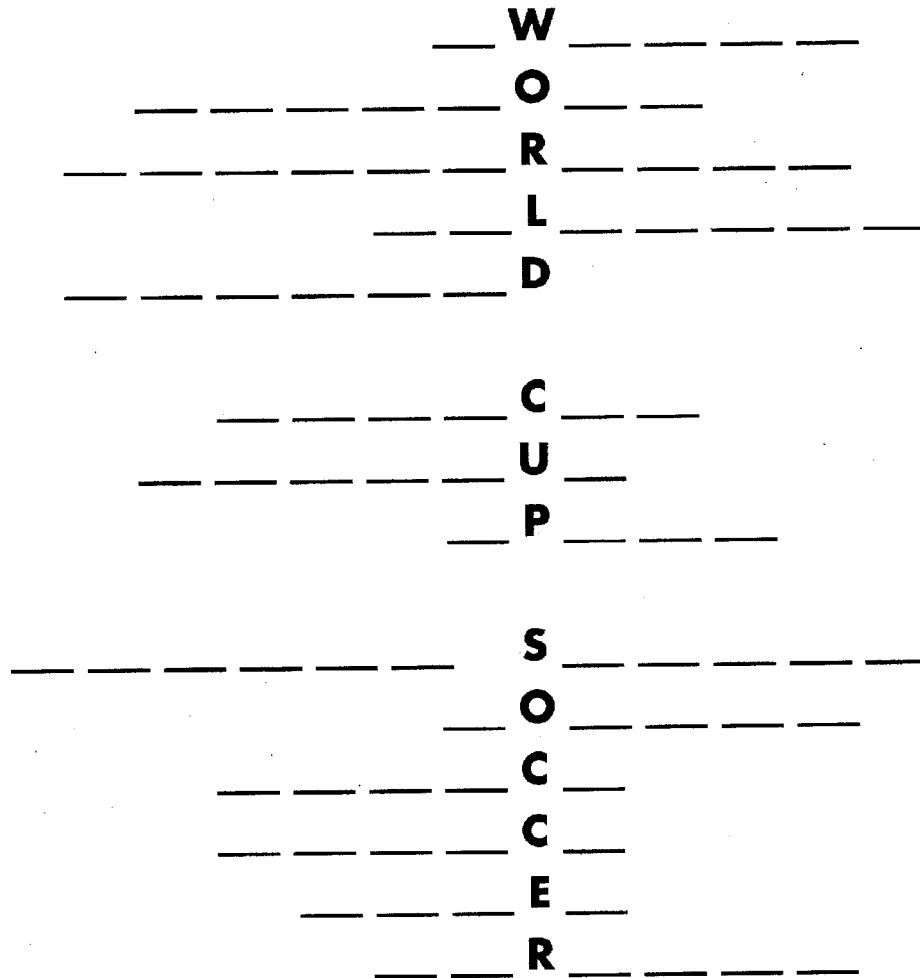
These were fiercely contested games of great fun.

When you go out to play with a friend or two – in the backyard or the park – see what games you can invent. We've given you some ideas in this book.

By the way Brother Mick did me a big favor. Years later I played in goal for my country, England.

24. Crossing Words

24 countries competed in the first World Cup to be played in the United States (1994). Fourteen (14) of these countries can be spelled from letters from the words "World Cup Soccer." Use the names of the 24 World Cup countries at the bottom of this page as your list of countries from which to take the 14 names.



MOROCCO
BOLIVIA
KOREA
BRAZIL
SWEDEN
CAMERROON

NIGERIA
NETHERLANDS
UNITED STATES
COLUMBIA
BULGARIA
IRELAND

BELGIUM
NORWAY
RUSSIA
MEXICO
SAUDI ARABIA
GREECE

SPAIN
GERMANY
SWITZERLAND
ITALY
ROMANIA
ARGENTINA