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2018 WORLD CUP RUSSIA			
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
RUSSIA	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	ARGENTINA
SAUDI ARABIA	SPAIN	AUSTRALIA	ICELAND
EGYPT	MOROCCO	PERU	CROATIA
URUGUAY	IRAN	DENMARK	NIGERIA
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
BRAZIL	GERMANY	BELGIUM	POLAND
SWITZERLAND	MEXICO	PANAMA	SENEGAL
COSTA RICA	SWEDEN	TUNISIA	COLOMBIA
SERBIA	KOREA REPUBLIC	ENGLAND	JAPAN

It's the most popular sports event on Earth. More than three billion fans - half the world's population - will watch and cheer their favourite team.

It comes only once every four years, with Brazil its most recent host. But it's not the Olympic Games. It's the FIFA World Cup.

RUSSIA 2018

The 21st FIFA World Cup tournament kicks off in Russia June 14. Over four weeks, 32 men's national teams will bring the world's best soccer to 12 Russian stadiums and to fans around the world. Russia foots the \$12 billion (US) bill.

Teams play for their country and for a share of \$400 million (US) in prize money. On July 15, the champions will hoist the World Cup trophy and bag a cool \$38 million (US).

WHO'S INVITED?

The road to the 2018 World Cup began three years ago. Russia is the host nation and is guaranteed a **berth**. The

other 210 FIFA member countries competed for the 31 remaining spots.

FIFA divides the 32 qualifying teams into eight separate groups. Teams play one game each against the three other members in their group. The top two teams from each group then move on to the knockout (playoff) stage. The competition becomes must-win and only winning teams advance until just two teams remain to compete in the final in Moscow.

In its 88-year history, only eight nations have won the World Cup: Germany, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Uruguay, France, England, and Italy. Among this prestigious group, only Italy failed to qualify for this year's tournament.

THE FAVOURITES

Germany and Brazil, ranked one and two, are expected to do well.

Germany, the reigning champ, returns seeking a fifth title and its

REPRESENTING CANADA

Though Canada didn't qualify for the World Cup, a Canadian official did. Assistant referee Joe Fletcher officiated his first World Cup in Brazil in 2014. He was invited to referee again in Russia.

Assistant referees must be in top shape to keep up with world-class soccer players. Mr. Fletcher can sprint 40 metres in five seconds. He also prepares by analyzing the playing style and personalities of the players and teams he may be officiating.

The 42-year-old chartered accountant is only the third Canadian to officiate a World Cup game. He will be assigned to one of 33 three-person teams.

first back-to-back World Cup victories since 1962.

Meanwhile, Brazil already has five World Cup wins and this year its team is looking for revenge.

DEFINITIONS

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association – the international governing body of soccer, formed in 1904 and based in Zurich, Switzerland

BERTH: a spot or place on a team or in a tournament



The Brazilians are still feeling the sting of an embarrassing 7-1 loss to Germany in the 2014 semifinal. The other five title-holders are also strong contenders. Spain will employ its famous **tiki-taka** passing attack. Argentina has Lionel Messi's speed and ball control.

RIISING STARS

The three crown princes of soccer, Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), and Neymar (Brazil), will dazzle soccer fans with their fancy footwork. However, World Cup fans will also have a chance to enjoy the newest soccer star.

Mo Salah, dubbed "the Egyptian King" by Liverpool fans, was the English Premier League's player of the year and Europe's top goal scorer this season. The 25-year-old forward led Liverpool to the Champion's League final, and Egypt to its first World Cup appearance since 1990.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The game that Canadians call 'soccer' is known as 'football' outside North America. It is not related to Canadian or American football, which is derived from rugby.

Also making his World Cup debut is Essam El-Harady, Egypt's calm, steady team captain. He's a 22-year veteran, but has never played in a World Cup. Ironically, the 45-year-old keeper is also the oldest player ever to play at a World Cup.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Iceland is participating in its first World Cup. This tiny island nation is the smallest ever to qualify. It boasts just 334,000 citizens, about half the population of Winnipeg. Despite its size, Iceland produced a team that beat England and tied Portugal in the 2016 Euro tournament. The soccer world is watching to see if the Cinderella story will continue.

WHAT ABOUT CANADA?

Don't look for the Maple Leaf. Our men's team, currently ranked 80th in the world, did not qualify. In fact, Canada's one and only World Cup appearance was in 1986.

There is, however, a glimmer of hope for the future. John Herdman, who coached the women's national team to back-to-back Olympic gold medals, took over the men's team in January. He calls himself a builder. But can he build a winning team in time to qualify for Qatar 2022?

Or will 2026 be our year? Canada, Mexico, and the United States entered a joint bid to host the 2026 World Cup. Morocco is the only other host candidate. FIFA will decide the location on June 13. ★

EXTRA EYES

Soccer fans watching a World Cup match may notice referees making an unfamiliar call. If you see the ref outline a rectangle with his hands, he's asking the video assistant referee's opinion on a play.

Video Assistant Refereeing (VAR) was piloted in North America's Major League Soccer (MLS) league two years ago, and it was also used in several professional leagues and tournaments. It makes its World Cup debut in Russia. Like the goal-line technology introduced at the 2014 World Cup, VAR is designed to increase officiating accuracy.

VAR officials are all experienced FIFA referees and receive specialized training. They monitor feeds from 33 cameras as well as audio from the three field referees.

Reviews can be requested by the referee or a VAR official. However, the VAR can only interrupt play for a clear and obvious error. However, the final call rests with the officials on the field.

Four types of decisions can be reviewed:

- 1) Goals and whether there was a violation during the buildup;
- 2) Penalty decisions;
- 3) Red card decisions;
- 4) Mistaken identity in awarding a red or yellow card.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino says VAR's value is proven. "From almost 1000 live matches that were part of the experiment, the level of the accuracy increased from 93% to 99%. It's almost perfect," he stated.

DEFINITIONS

TIKI-TAKA: a style of soccer that involves short accurate passes and quick player movement while maintaining possession of the ball



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ON THE LINES

Answer the following in complete sentences:

1. What does **FIFA** stand for?

2. Which popular 'football' tournament will take place from June 14 to July 15?

3. Which country will host this tournament? How many stadiums will be used to host the games?

4. How much will it cost to host this tournament?

5. How many teams will participate in this tournament?

6. Describe how this tournament is structured.

7. How much prize money will be awarded to successful teams?

8. What does **VAR** stand for?

9. List at least three important facts about VAR.

10. Describe how a referee requests a VAR review.



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BETWEEN THE LINES

Making an inference: An *inference* is a conclusion drawn from evidence. A *good inference* is supported by evidence in the article and is consistent with known facts outside the article.

What inference(s) can you draw from the fact that there is \$400 million (US) in prize money for the teams participating in the World Cup?

JUST TALK ABOUT IT

1. What reasons can you suggest to explain why soccer is the most popular sport in much of the world?
2. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world – but there are many other sports to watch and participate in! Which sport do you enjoy the most? Give reasons to support your response.

ONLINE

1. Find out where all the 2018 World Cup games will be played at <https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/41586162>
2. Find out about what ‘dummy,’ ‘pitch,’ and other soccer terms mean at <http://www.cbc.ca/sports/soccer/fifaworldcup/features/story/2009/11/24/sp-glossary.html>
3. Watch and learn how FIFA determines which teams will face off at the World Cup at <http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/news/the-final-draw-how-it-works-2921565>
4. Find “Your complete guide to all 736 players at the 2018 World Cup” at <https://www.theguardian.com/football/ng-interactive/2018/jun/05/world-cup-2018-complete-guide-players-ratings-goals-caps>
5. Visit the FIFA World Cup website at <http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/>
6. Learn the rules of football (Soccer or Association Football) at <https://youtu.be/qg566N-eDWo> [4:19] and <https://youtu.be/Up3Wvsxh6Pg> [5:57]
7. Watch “The history of FIFA World Cup trophies,” and learn about the long history of this tournament at <https://youtu.be/pEZFxPyOnhs> [5:03]
8. Review the “Outlandish Costs of Hosting the World Cup,” at <https://www.statista.com/chart/2377/costs-of-hosting-the-world-cup/> ★





A **Target template** is an organizer that helps you to determine what matters most about an issue, event, or person and what its impact is over time. You will use this template to identify what's important about the 2018 World Cup in the article *Russia Hosts the World Cup*.

YOUR TASK

BEFORE READING

- Record the purpose for reading on the **Target** template. Then, list what you already know about the topic – the World Cup – in the left-hand column. In the right-hand column, write what you want to know or wonder about the topic. For example, *When is the World Cup?*

DURING READING

- As you read the article **be mindful of questions that arise**. Mark the text with a ? each time a new question pops into your head. Write the question in the margin. For example, in the first paragraph you may wonder why the World Cup is so popular.
- Also, **make connections**. Identify connections with the letters **T-S** (Text-to-Self), **T-T** (Text-to-Text), or **T-W** (Text-to-World) and make brief notes in the margin to explain the connections. For example, in the first paragraph the phrase 'every four years' may remind you of how the Olympic games are also held every four years (a text-to-world connection).
- Read to **distinguish important information from interesting facts**. Use the sub-headings to identify the topic of each section. Then, underline or highlight the important facts related to the topic. For example, does the phrase "Teams play for their country and for a share of \$400 million (US) in prize money" help us understand more about the World Cup or is it just interesting?

AFTER READING

- Use the **Target** template to determine what's most important about the World Cup – in the present, past, future, and always. Use your highlighted notes to select two important facts about the World Cup for each time period. (*Important facts help the reader understand more about the event and show why it's the most widely-viewed sports event in the world.*) Record these facts in the inner strand.
- Then, in the outer strand, write why each fact is important. For example, in the first paragraph, an important fact about the World Cup is that it is "held every four years". This is important because its rare occurrence makes it a special event, and something soccer teams and fans look forward to.
- When you have finished recording facts, complete the **What I think now** section of the organizer. Use the following questions to guide your response: *What surprised you about what you read? What new learnings or connections did you make? What questions do you still have? What are your reactions to the information in the article? What's most important about the World Cup?* ★



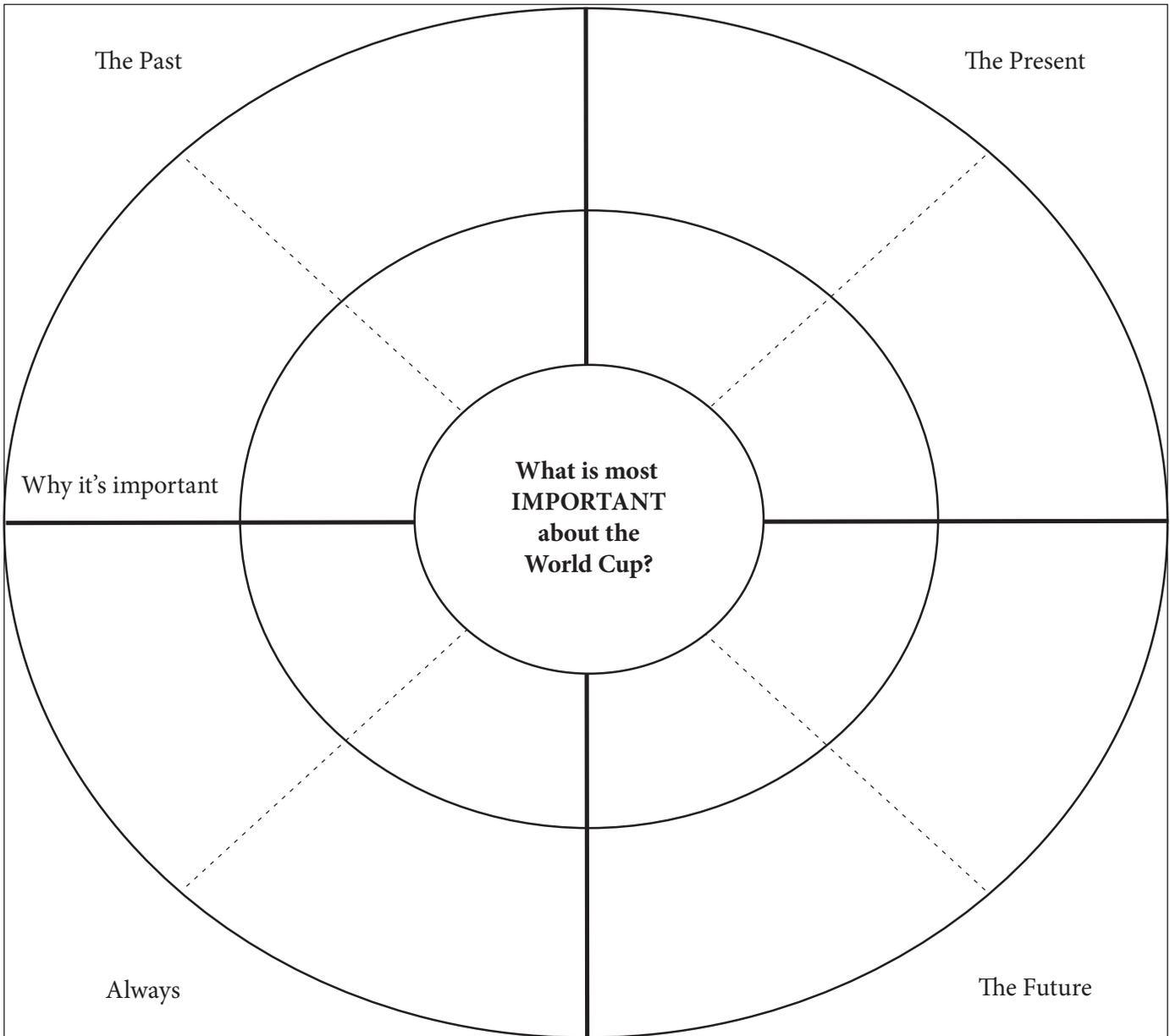
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What I already know

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What I wonder

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What I think now



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Examine, then compare, the photos on pages 11 and 12. In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different? Record your observations on the **Venn diagram** below. Then, consider: *What story do these photos tell about the game of soccer? Which photo most closely matches your own experiences with this game? Give reasons to support your response.*

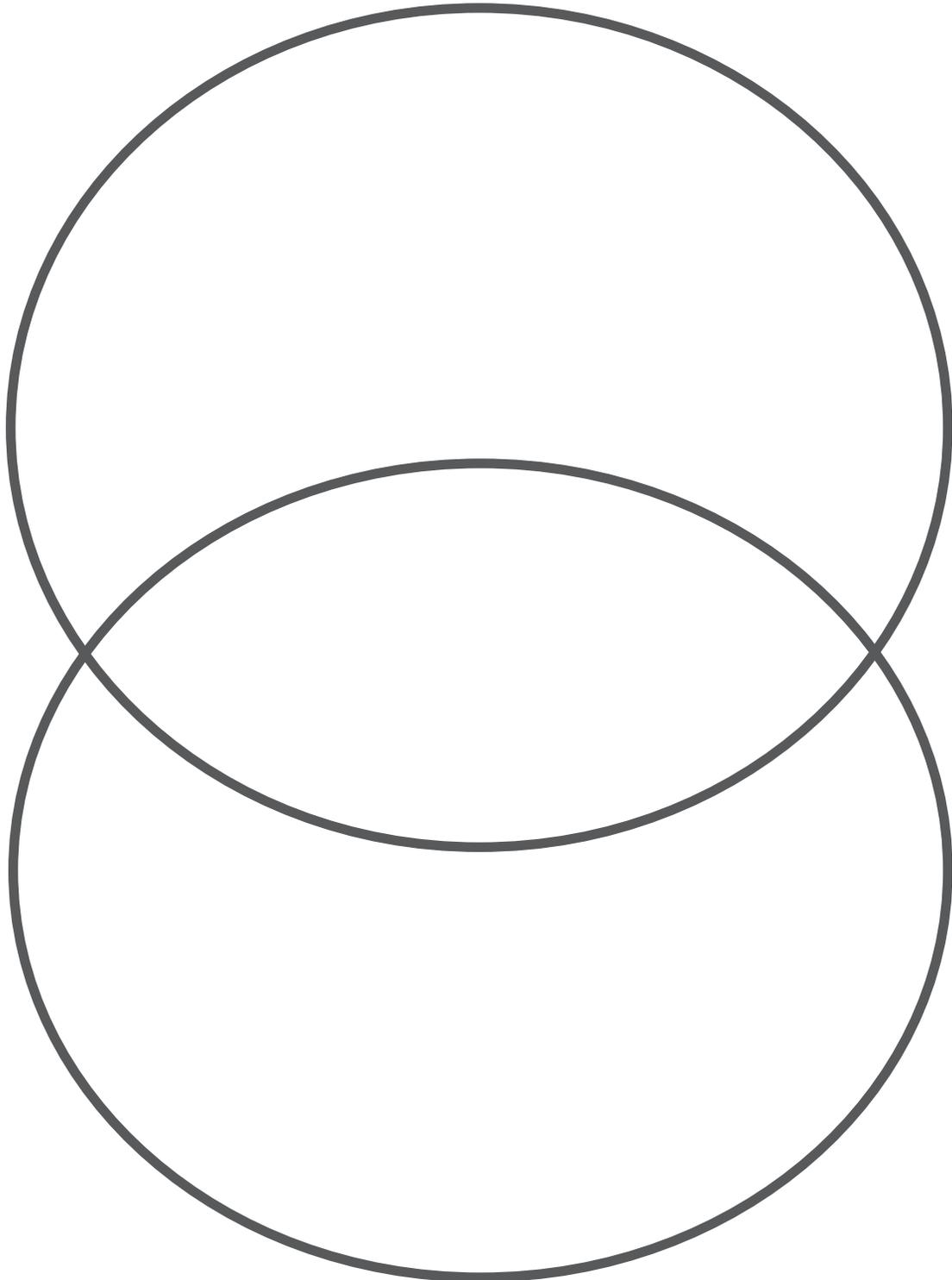


Photo #2

Photo #1



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Children play soccer in Bata, Equatorial Guinea. (ABDELHAK SENNA/AFP/Getty Images)



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Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal). Photo via https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/11/New_Zealand-Portugal_%2817%29.jpg



MAP ASSIGNMENT

Complete this map assignment to better understand the article *Russia Hosts the World Cup*.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain the required resources and read all the instructions before starting.
2. Colour your map **after** all labelling is completed.
3. Print in pencil only first, then go over the printing in black ink.
4. Work carefully and neatly.

Resources Required: pencil, black pen, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser and an atlas.

Part A Locate and label the following countries in CAPITAL letters and shade each as indicated:

Russia (red)	Ukraine (yellow)
Belarus (purple)	Finland (orange)

Part B Locate and label the capital city of each country above and underline each city name.

Part C Locate and label the following countries in CAPITAL letters and shade each as indicated:

Kazakhstan (green)	Azerbaijan (yellow)
Georgia (pink)	Turkey (brown)
Bulgaria (green)	Romania (purple)
Moldova (orange)	Poland (orange)
Lithuania (brown)	Latvia (green)
Estonia (pink)	Sweden (yellow)

Part D Locate and label the following World Cup host cities:

Nizhny Novgorod	Saransk
Kazan	Samara
Yekaterinburg	Saint Petersburg
Kaliningrad	Volgograd
Rostov-on-Don	Sochi

Part E Locate and label the Caspian Sea and shade it light blue.

Part F Locate and label the following and shade all ocean water dark blue:

Black Sea	Baltic Sea
Gulf of Bothnia	

Part G Shade all remaining territory grey.

Part H Complete your map with a frame, title and compass. ★



Russia

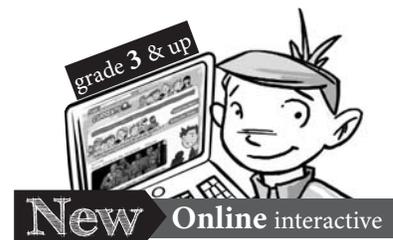


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Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What is the main idea of the article?	2. Why did the author write this article?
3. What is the author's opinion on the article?	4. What is the author's opinion on the article?

Answers: _____

CAPE TOWN'S WATER CRISIS

Read the article and answer the questions.

TRUE OR FALSE? Write 'True' or 'False' in the space provided.

OPEN ENDED: Write an answer to the question.

CHOOSE ONE: Circle the correct answer.

CHOOSE TWO: Circle the two correct answers.

CHOOSE THREE: Circle the three correct answers.

CHOOSE FOUR: Circle the four correct answers.

CHOOSE FIVE: Circle the five correct answers.

QUIZZES

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. In the first paragraph, the author says that the 2018 Winter Olympic Games ended on February 25 in PyeongChang, South Korea. Canada's medal count is 1 gold, 8 silver, and 11 bronze placed in third behind Norway (9 medals overall) and Germany (15 medals) among the 92 nations competing at this year's event.

2. With a final count of 20, we beat our previous record of 14 medals won at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

3. "This has been a phenomenal performance for Canada, obviously our best ever by a significant margin," Anne Meeklinger head of Own the Podium, told a reporter. "It gives Canadians so many reasons to celebrate."

4. The 37-year-old Canadian freestyle skier Mikael Kingsbury competed for gold in men's moguls on February 15. Observers say Mr. Kingsbury is the most successful mogul skier in history. He has won more than half the World Cup events he has entered – and this year alone he has won 11 races. Yet he had never won Olympic gold. He placed second to earn a silver medal at the Sochi Olympics in 2014.

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ANSWER KEY

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ARTISTRY: quality of demonstrating skill and originality of the artist

BEAT: a person's best performance in a capacity or role

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION: a Canadian tradition to pledge to improve oneself

WORLD CHAMPION: someone who has won a world championship

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