

The World Cup Finals occur every four years. The national teams must compete in play-offs during the three years leading up to the next final competition. Thirty-two teams will qualify to compete in the World Cup. When Landon Donovan played in the 2002 FIFA World Cup he received the Best Young Player Award.

1. Why do you think Landon Donovan is believed to be the most talented soccer player in the United States?
2. What award did Landon receive three years in a row?
3. Why do Americans call association football "soccer?"
4. How often does the World Cup Finals occur?
5. What award did Landon receive in the 2002 FIFA World Cup?

Part D: Write the correct word in each sentence. Use the words from the Word Box.

Word Box

stamina	decisions	association	talented
abbreviation	international	qualify	differentiate

The World Cup is the largest _____ team sport competition in the world. National teams must compete in play-offs in order to _____ for the World Cup Finals. FIFA is an _____ for Fédération Internationale de Football Association. Soccer is an abbreviation for _____. Landon uses his intelligence to make quick _____ on the soccer field. His _____ allows him to run up and down the field without getting tired. His many skills make him a _____ player. A goalkeeper's jersey is not the same as the rest of the team. This helps to _____ between players.

Part E: Write the contractions.

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| 1. he will _____ | 6. here is _____ |
| 2. had not _____ | 7. you will _____ |
| 3. we have _____ | 8. we would _____ |
| 4. they had _____ | 9. should not _____ |
| 5. who will _____ | 10. I will _____ |