

Below is a selection of activities with a football flavour. See how many you can finish before the final whistle blows!



### Activity 1: Footballers' biographies

Which of the statements below are true of biographies?

Statement	True or false?
Written in the first person	
Use sources such as letters, diaries and newspaper accounts	
Outline and analyse the key events in a person's life	
Are not written in chronological order	
The author is also the person whose life the book describes	
Are a type of fiction book	
Often contain comments from family and friends and pictures from the person's childhood	
Are written about famous/infamous or important people	
Are always written posthumously	
Attempt to explain what makes the person they are written about noteworthy/special	

### Write a short biography of either Fabio Capello or a member of the England team.

Research the life of the person you have chosen to write about. You should try to use a variety of sources, e.g. newspaper stories or encyclopaedia entries.

Create a timeline of key events in the life of the person you have chosen to write about. This will remind you what order to put things in and will help you think about how events in their life have made them into the person they are today.

Have a look at some examples of biographies and see if you can identify any aspects of style that you can use in your own writing.

Use your notes to write the biography. Use the true/false activity as a checklist to keep you on track.

### Activity 2: What's the World Cup?

Create an information leaflet/text that will be given out with match programmes at the World Cup games. The purpose of the leaflet is to inform people about the World Cup's history and its importance today.

The table below shows what you should include and think about as you create your leaflet.

<b>Audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a mix of men and women, football fans and the uninitiated, adults and children</li></ul>
<b>Key information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• what the World Cup competition is</li><li>• the history of the World Cup</li><li>• how it is organised</li><li>• important people and organisations</li><li>• memorable moments</li><li>• key facts</li></ul>
<b>Layout and presentation</b> Think carefully about:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the font styles you use</li><li>• what images you can include</li><li>• how you will present important information so that it stands out e.g. boxes and shading</li><li>• headings and subheadings to organise your text</li><li>• what colours you will use</li></ul>
<b>Language</b> Your leaflet should:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• include a mix of facts and emotive language</li><li>• be appropriate for your audience</li><li>• include a variety of sentence lengths and types</li></ul>

Do some research and gather together all the information suggested in the second row of the table above.

When you have collected your information, read through it and highlight all the key points. Use this as the basis for your own sentences, written around the facts that you have found.

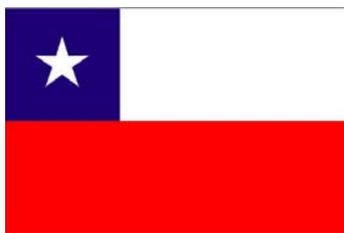
Think about the layout of your leaflet and how much space you have to write in. Make sure you set aside some room for at least one image in your leaflet. Go back over what you have written and see if it fits or needs to be edited to fit into your space.

Make sure your writing is informative and is suitable for your audience. Ask a friend to check your work and give you feedback if you are not sure.

### Activity 3: Bidding to be host

Imagine that there has been some speculation in the press about the voting that led to Brazil being announced as the host country for the World Cup in 2014, and that, in the interest of fairness, FIFA has decided to reopen the bidding.

Your group will take on the role of representatives from one of the countries now bidding to hold the World Cup in 2014. Work together to create a persuasive bid to see your country nominated as host for the 2014 Cup: you will present this to the FIFA representative (your teacher!).

<b>Brazil</b> 	<b>Argentina</b> 	<b>Australia</b> 
<b>USA</b> 	<b>China</b> 	<b>Chile and Argentina</b> 
<b>Mexico</b> 	<b>Columbia</b> 	<b>UAE</b> 

Before you begin planning the content of your speech, think about the techniques that you can use to persuade your audience. See if you can come up with **four** techniques.

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As a group, decide on the information you will need to include in your bid. You might like to include information about your country's culture and tourist attractions as well as information relating to sports. If you have a large group you may find it easier to give each person responsibility for their own area/areas of research.



When the research has been completed, work together to decide how the information you have all collected could be best presented to FIFA. Try to evaluate your research and decide whether everything you have found out needs to be included. When you have decided what information to include and what you will leave out, decide on the order of your presentation.

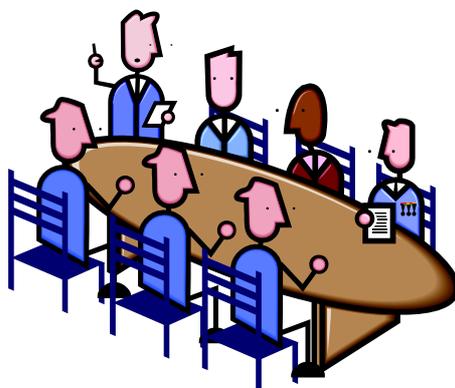


Have a trial run of your bid to make sure that you have included all the information you decided was important. Make sure that you have included the persuasive techniques you listed earlier.

If you like, you could now look for images, music or props that you could use to make your bid more memorable. You could give a straightforward speech, or you might prefer to prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

Present your bid to the FIFA representative, who will announce the host city at the end of the lesson.

**Good luck!**



### Activity 4: Bring on the tourists

Read the text below, which describes a holiday in Mauritius. What has the writer done to make this text appealing?

Annotate the text with any words or phrases that make Mauritius seem enticing. Can you identify any other techniques that have been used in this text?

When you have annotated the text, share your ideas with a partner and add their ideas to yours.

Escape to laid-back luxury with our Mauritius holidays. A diverse island waiting to be explored, it brings together a vibrant mix of Indian, French, Créole and Chinese cultural influences. Boasting beautiful landscapes, mixing jungle-covered mountains, waterfalls, sugar cane fields and wonderful white sand beaches, Mauritius will enchant all those who step upon this country's shores.

As this text is trying to sell people a holiday it must include factual information as well as description.

What information about the destination has the writer included? Highlight this information on the text.

South Africa is the host nation for the 2010 World Cup and is also a holiday destination. Using the notes you have made on the text above as a framework, write a piece extolling the virtues of South Africa.

Before you begin writing your piece you might like to do a little research on what South Africa has to offer tourists and brainstorm some ideas with a partner.

When you have written a first draft, ask your partner to read your work and see if your description is effective.