

Euro 2020 (Summer 2021)

The Euro 2020 is a men's football competition that will take place in the summer of 2021. National teams from across Europe will compete to become the European champions.

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Where Will the Matches Be Held?

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- Baku, Azerbaijan
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Did You Know...?

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Each country can select their best footballers to compete as part of the national team. The Euros will include many of football's most famous players.

What Happens in the Finals?

Each team plays against the other three members of their group. Then, the 16 best teams in the group stage join the round of 16 stage. The winners of each match then move through to the quarter-finals before reaching the semi-finals. The last stage of the tournament is the final.

Did You Know...?

The winning team could receive up to €34m.

Glossary

qualifying matches: The games played before the final to decide which teams will progress to the final stages.

Questions

1. In which city were the last Euros held? Tick one.

- London
- Paris
- Rome
- Amsterdam

2. Draw **four** lines to match each group with its teams.

Group A

Group B

Group C

Group D

Belgium
Denmark
Finland
Russia

Austria
The Netherlands
North Macedonia
Ukraine

Croatia
Czech Republic
England
Scotland

Italy
Switzerland
Turkey
Wales

3. **The Euros will include many of football's most famous players.**

Which of the following words means the same as 'famous'? Tick one.

- well-known
- skilful
- experienced
- expensive

4. How much money could the winning team earn? Tick one.

- €24m
- €16m
- €34m
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5. Fill in the missing words.

The Euros usually take place every _____ years but Euro 2020 has been pushed back a year due to the _____ pandemic.

6. Which city in Germany is hosting some of the Euro 2020 matches?

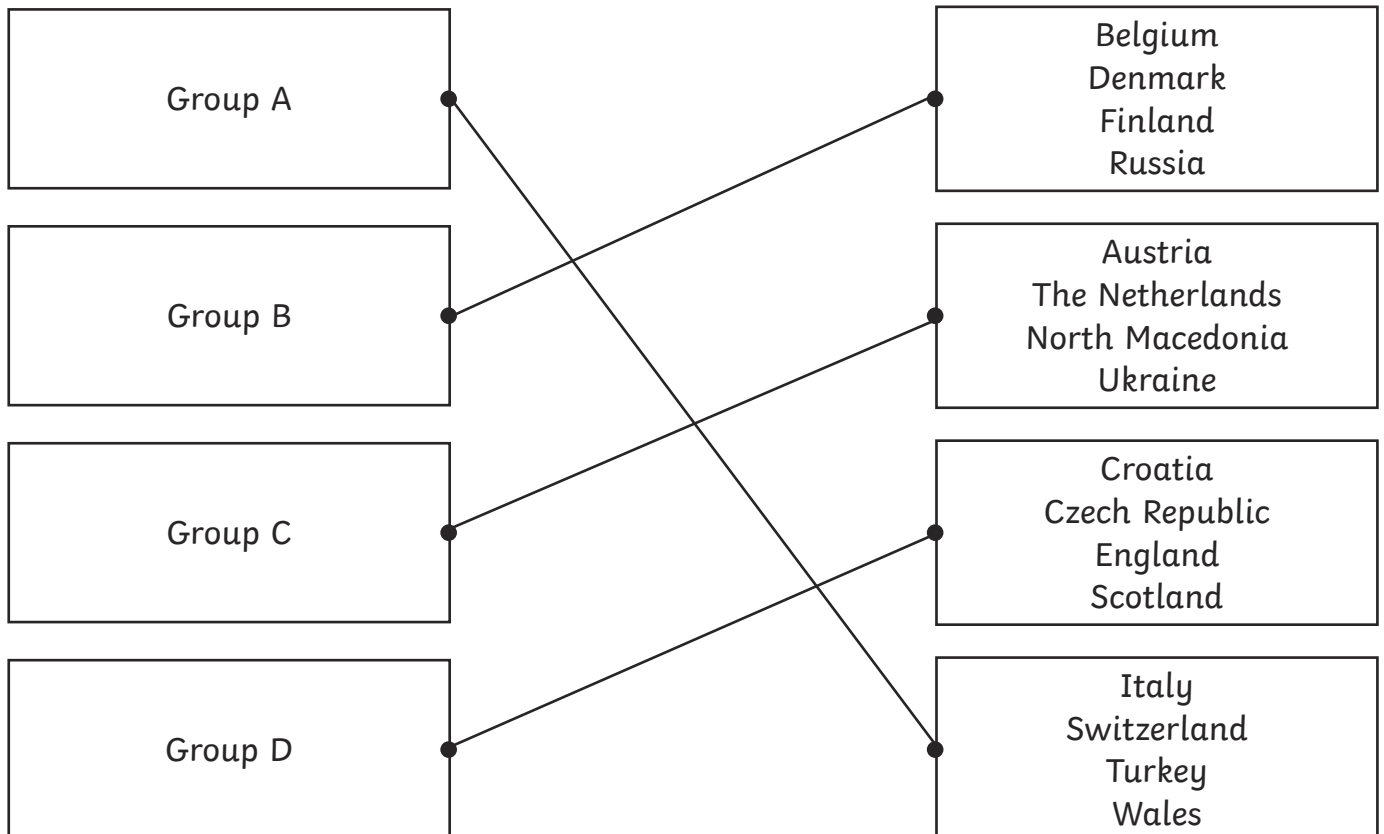
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6. Which city in Germany is hosting some of the Euro 2020 matches?

Munich in Germany is hosting some of the Euro 2020 matches.

7. Explain how a player might feel after being asked to play for their country.

Pupils' own responses, such as: A player might feel very proud to play for their country because it is an amazing opportunity. They may also feel slightly nervous and want to perform to the best of their ability.

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The Euro 2020 men's football **tournament** will take place in the summer of 2021. National teams from across the continent will compete to become the European champions.

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Where Will the Matches Be Held?

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Each team will select the best footballers from their country to compete as part of the national squad. The Euros will include many of football's most famous players, such as, Kylian Mbappé for France, Phil Foden for England, Robert Lewandowski for Poland and Kevin De Bruyne for Belgium.

What Happens in the Finals?

In the group stage of the tournament, each team plays against the other three members of their group. The 16 best teams in the group stage then join the round of 16 stage. The winners of each match then move through to the quarter-finals before reaching the semi-finals.

The last stage of the tournament is the final where the best two teams compete for the trophy.

What Are the Prizes?

All 24 qualifying teams will receive at least €9.25m. The prize money then increases with each stage of the tournament and the winning team could earn up to €34m.

Glossary

qualifying matches: The games played in order to decide which teams will progress to the final stages.

tournament: A series of games where the winners of each match play against each other until only one winner is left.

Questions

1. How often do the Euros usually take place? Tick one.

- every year
- every ten years
- every four years
- every two years

2. Draw **four** lines and match each team with the group that it belongs to in the tournament.

Turkey

Ukraine

Spain

England

Group A

Group E

Group D

Group C

3. In which country is the city of Baku? Tick one.

- Germany
- the Netherlands
- Azerbaijan
- Russia

4. How much money could the winning team earn? Tick one.

- €24m
- €16m
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5. Find and copy one word which shows that the prize money 'gets bigger'.

6. Give the name of **two** famous players mentioned in the text that are expected to play in the tournament.

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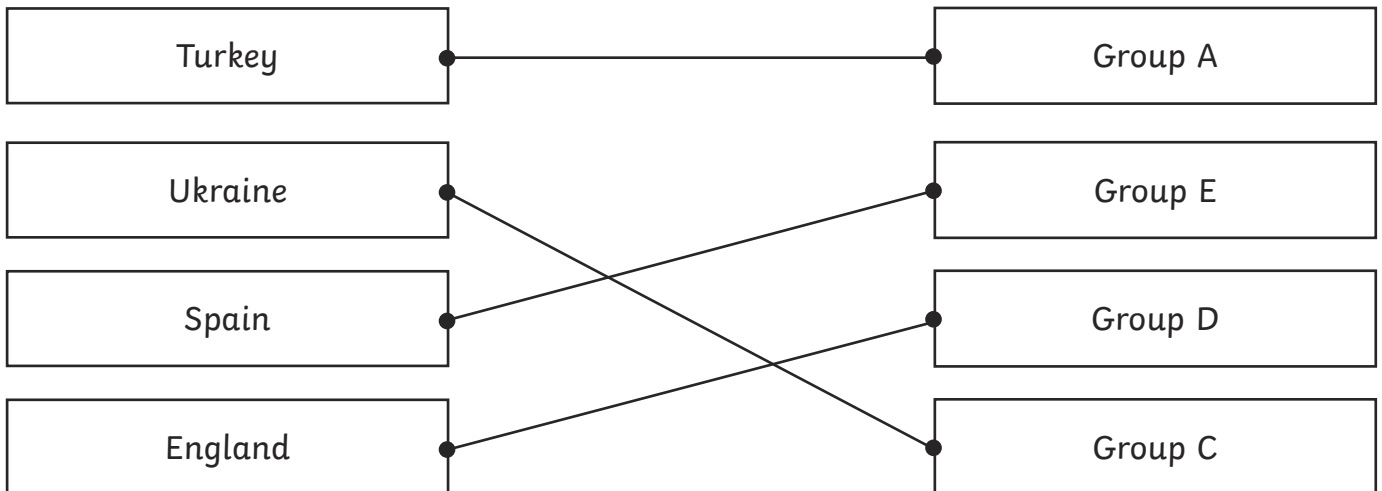
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increases

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Accept any two of the following: Kylian Mbappé, Phil Foden, Robert Lewandowski, Kevin De Bruyne.

7. Which Euro 2020 match do you think will attract the most viewers when it is shown on television? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the final will attract the most viewers because people across the world will be keen to see who will win the tournament.

8. Sum up what you have learnt about Euro 2020.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Euro 2020 is a men's football tournament that has been postponed for a year due to COVID-19. 24 teams will take part in finals, which will be held at Wembley Stadium in London.

Euro 2020 (Summer 2021)

The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Euro 2020 men's football tournament will take place in June and July of 2021 across different European cities. The tournament has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Are the Euros?

The tournament, commonly known as the Euros, usually takes place every four years. National teams from across the continent compete to become the European champions. The last Euros were held in Paris in 2016 and the winning team was Portugal.

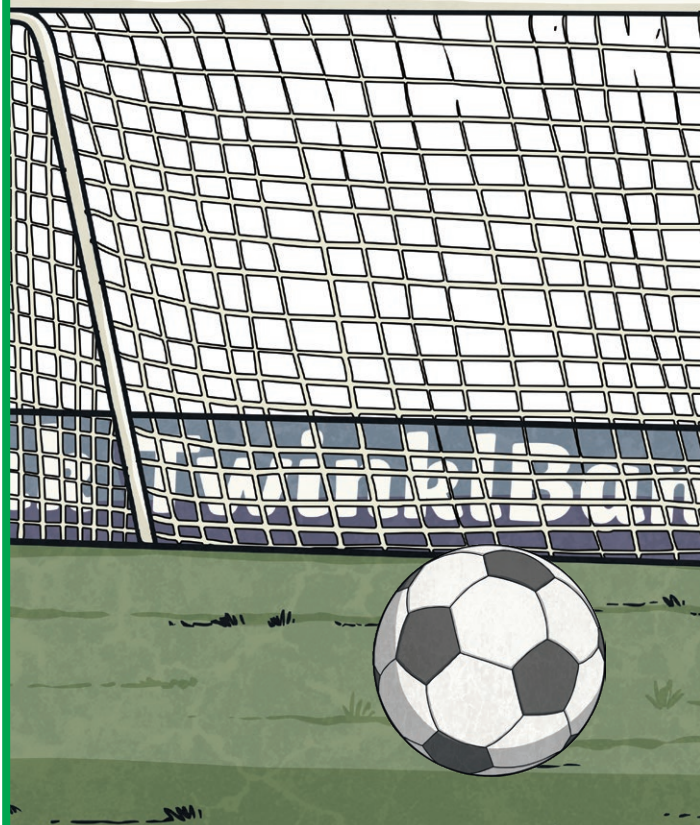
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The opening match will take place at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. The semi-final matches and the final match will take place at Wembley Stadium in London.

Due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was postponed for a year and the **capacity** of many of the stadiums has been reduced to allow for greater social distancing.





Which Teams Will Be Taking Part?

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Each team has the chance to select the best of their nation's talent to compete as part of the national squad. The Euros will include many high-profile players from the top footballing leagues. Some of the big names expected to take part in the tournament include: Kylian Mbappé (France), Phil Foden (England), Robert Lewandowski (Poland) and Kevin De Bruyne (Belgium).

What Happens in the Finals?

In the group stage of the tournament, each team plays against the other three members of the same group. The best-performing teams in these groups then progress to the next stage of the tournament, known as the round of 16. The winning eight teams from the round of 16 will then move to the quarter-finals, where the four highest-scoring teams will earn a place in the semi-finals.

The last stage of the tournament is the final where the two remaining teams compete for the highly regarded trophy.

What Are the Prizes?

As well as the trophy and the glory of winning, there is also an impressive financial reward for the teams that are successful in the tournament.

All 24 qualifying teams will receive at least €9.25m. The prize money then increases with each stage of the tournament completed and the winning team could earn up to €34m.

Glossary

capacity: The number of people that can be seated in a space, like a stadium.

qualifying matches: The games played in order to decide which teams will progress to the final stages.

Questions

1. Which of the following cities will **not** be hosting a Euro 2020 game? Tick one.

- Munich, Germany
- Oslo, Norway
- Baku, Azerbaijan
- St Petersburg, Russia

2. Number the stages from 1-4 to show the order that they happen in the tournament.

- semi-finals
- round of 16
- finals
- qualifying matches

3. In which European country is the city of Seville?

4. Why has the Euro 2020 tournament been rescheduled?

5. Find and copy a word or phrase which shows that some of the players in the tournament will be well known.

6. Why do you think the organisers chose for Euro 2020 to take place across different cities to mark 60 years since the first tournament?

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8. How is Euro 2020 similar to another sporting event that you know?

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- 3** semi-finals
- 2** round of 16
- 4** finals
- 1** qualifying matches

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Seville is in Spain.

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Accept either of the following: high-profile; big names.

6. Why do you think the organisers chose for Euro 2020 to take place across different cities to mark 60 years since the first tournament?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the organisers chose for the tournament to take place in different cities because it is a nice way of celebrating throughout the whole continent. It also makes the tournament stand out from the usual set-up.

7. Look at the section called **Which Teams Will Be Taking Part?**

Explain why you think that the table has been included in the text.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that this table has been included because it contains useful information about the teams in the tournament. The table is also a simple way of displaying the information for the reader.

8. How is the Euro 2020 similar to another sporting event that you know?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Euro 2020 is similar to the Olympic Games because it is a sporting event involving the best athletes from a country who compete against one another for a prize. The Olympic Games are also held every four years.