

World Cup Predictions: Spain, Brazil, Germany, or Russia from VOA

One of the groups (1)..... (BE) a research team from Germany. Andreas Groll of the Technical University of Dortmund (2)..... (LEAD) the group. In a report on the results, Groll (3)..... (SAY) his team (4)..... (USE) computers to simulate the whole World Cup competition 100,000 times. Machine learning (5)..... (USE) to predict the (6)..... (EXPECT) number of goals (7)..... (MAKE) by each team in each game. The prediction method (8)..... (COMBINE) large amounts of information on the teams' abilities and individual players' performances from the past.

So who (9)..... Groll's machines (PICK) as the winner? The results (10)..... (CHOOSE) Spain as the most likely World Cup champion, with a probability of 17.8 percent. Germany (11)..... (BE) next, (12)..... (FOLLOW) by Brazil, France and Belgium. However, Groll's team (13)..... (SAY) it (14)..... (NEGATIVE MODAL) predict Spain as the sure winner. This (15)..... (BE) because of the way the World Cup competition (16).....(STRUCTURE)

to lose	to consider, to have an opinion, to exercise your mind.
to think	to tolerate
to choose	to move backwards and forwards from a pivot, to hang free, to oscillate.
to put up with	to select, to decide.
to meet	to come face to face with someone, to come together (for a meeting).
to swing	to become unable to find, to spend (time, money etc.) to no purpose, to be defeated.
to find out	to discover or obtain information.

Present Simple	Present Simple NEGATIVE	Present Perfect	Past Simple	Past Simple Questions
They (LOSE)				
He (THINK)				
I (CHOOSE)				
She (PUT UP WITH)				
You (MEET)				
It (SWING)				
We (FIND OUT)				

Use verbs from the table to complete the following.

1. Do I have to pay to my seat on an Emirates flight?
2. Hilary Clinton the Presidential Election.
3. Trump often his golf clubs on golf courses around the world.
4. What do you of the world today?
5. Sometimes it is hard to with the traffic around Paris.
6. Scientists are trying to why the ancient baobabs are dying.
7. Where did you your best friend? At school? At work?



choosing, found out, has met, losing, met, putting up with, swung, thinking

Sentences from the news:

1. A man was arrested after police said he a samurai sword at people in Yakima. *Komo News*
2. President Donald Trump with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un earlier this month, the first time a sitting U.S. president a North Korean leader. *Reuters*
3. 'It's important for women to make it clear they're not this rubbish': Anne Robinson on workplace sexism. *Radio Times*
4. Can you beat The Beatles? What are the challenges of a good band name? *abc.net*
5. What was Donald Trump when he saluted a North Korean general? *CNN*
6. In the late 1970s, Oprah that her co-host Richard Sher was earning more than she was. *cnbc*
7. Antarctica is ice twice as fast as anyone thought. *PBS*

Exercise [Six Online](#)

chose, choose, found out, lost, meet, put up with, swings, think

1. I didn't to bring an umbrella with me this morning, but I wish I had.
2. Everything looks good, so I really can't
3. Our friends are going to us at the restaurant.
4. They the contest.
5. Why don't we in the hotel lobby at six o'clock?
6. Do you the situation will improve?
7. We should call and if the restaurant is still open.
8. He to attend college rather than go into his father's business.
9. We'll have to this noise until the workers are finished.
10. He his arms vigorously as he walks.
11. I seem to have my keys.
12. Somehow his crime was never out.

