

SOCCER

SCAVENGER HUNT





TEACHER'S INSTRUCTIONS



WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 or more soccer goals (you can set up cones or use a real goal)
- 5-10 soccer balls (one per child is best but they can share)
- Hula hoops
- Bowling pins or similar objects
- Pens or pencils
- 1 printed copy of each Soccer Station Card
- 1 printed Soccer Scavenger Hunt Worksheet per student



HOW TO PLAY

1. Print out one copy of each of the Soccer Station Cards on the following pages. Each one contains an important event in soccer history AND a soccer skills challenge that your students must complete.
2. Laminate the Soccer Station Cards and place them in different locations around your gym or field. You can simply tape them to the wall, or make it more challenging by hiding them behind equipment, under desks, behind doors etc. Make sure the stations are spread out evenly in your space. You do NOT want all the kids congregating together in one spot. Remember - this is a HUNT!
3. Students can perform this activity in small teams or individually. Each team or individual will need one copy of the Soccer Scavenger Hunt Worksheet on the next page. This worksheet includes a trivia question and a skills challenge for each station.
4. Set up any required equipment in one area of the gym where students can retrieve it as needed.
5. The object of the game is to find all the stations, complete the skills challenges, and answer the trivia questions on the worksheet.



WAY TO ADD INTRIGUE...

Make it a silent hunt! Before students begin, announce that no one is allowed to speak. Any communicating between partners or among teams must be in writing or with hand motions and lip reading.



STUDENT WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Find each of the below stations. Answer the trivia question, then complete and check off the Soccer Skills Challenge. **Complete all 10 stations to finish the scavenger hunt.**

2500 BC - The country where Tsu Chu was invented

600 AD - Soccer was played by kicking a ball through a

1331 - Soccer was banned in England so people could spend more time on

1600 - The name of the soccer-like game played by Inuits

1930 - The name of the first official soccer organization

1971 - The name of Brazil's star player

2020 - The all-time leading scorer in international women's soccer

2017 - The award for best footballer in the world

1999 - Number of people who attended Women's World Cup Final

1986 - The name of Maradona's infamous goal





TEACHER'S ANSWER SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Below you'll find the answers to the trivia questions and the required skills challenges for each Station.

2500 BC - The country where Tsu Chu was invented

CHINA

600 AD - Soccer was played by kicking a ball through a

STONE RING

1331 - Soccer was banned in England so people could spend more time on

ARCHERY

1600 - The name of the soccer-like game played by Inuits

AQSAQTUK

2020 - The all-time leading scorer in international women's soccer

CHRISTINE SINCLAIR

1930 - The name of the first official soccer organization

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

1971 - The name of Brazil's star player

PELE

2017 - The award for best footballer in the world

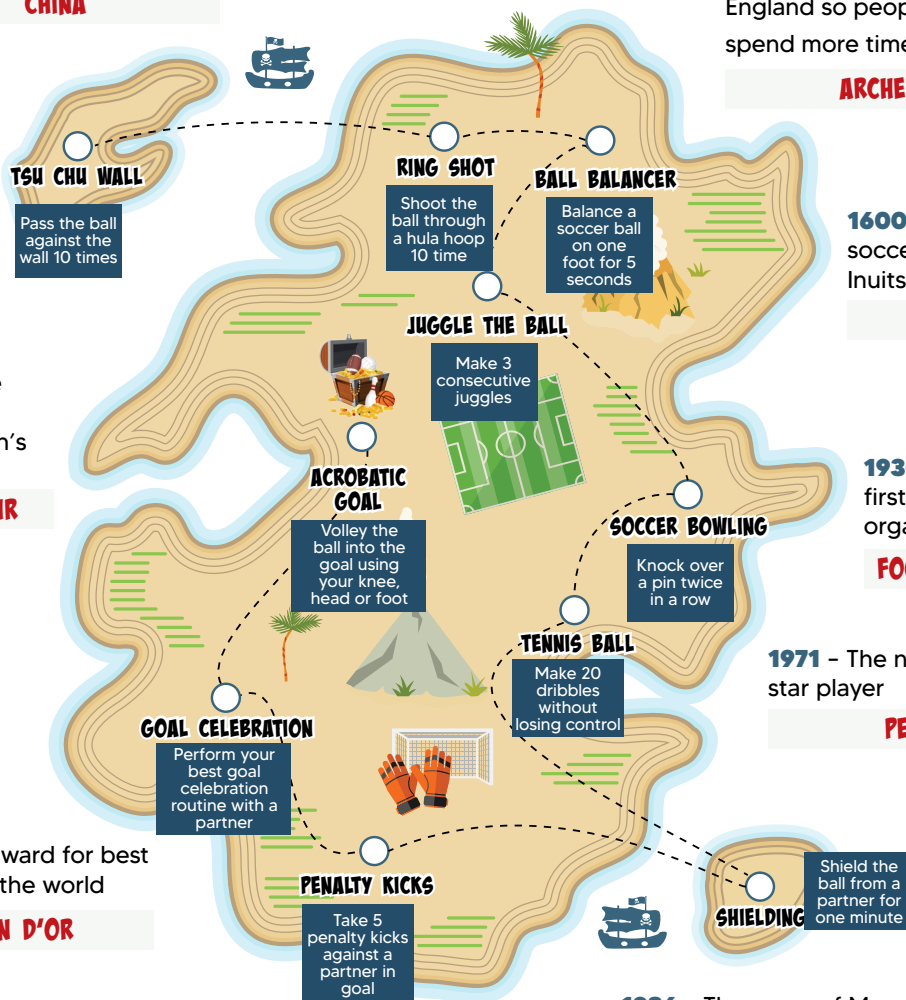
BALLON D'OR

1999 - Number of people who attended Women's World Cup Final

90,185

1986 - The name of Maradona's infamous goal

HAND OF GOD



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2500 BC

A kicking game called Tsu Chu was developed in Ancient China and used to train soldiers. The word Tsu means "to kick the ball with feet," and the word Chu means "a stuffed ball made of leather."

TSU CHU WALL BALL

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and stand 10 feet away from the wall. Using the inside of your foot, pass the ball against the wall. Trap the rebound, then repeat. Do it 10 times without losing control to complete the challenge!



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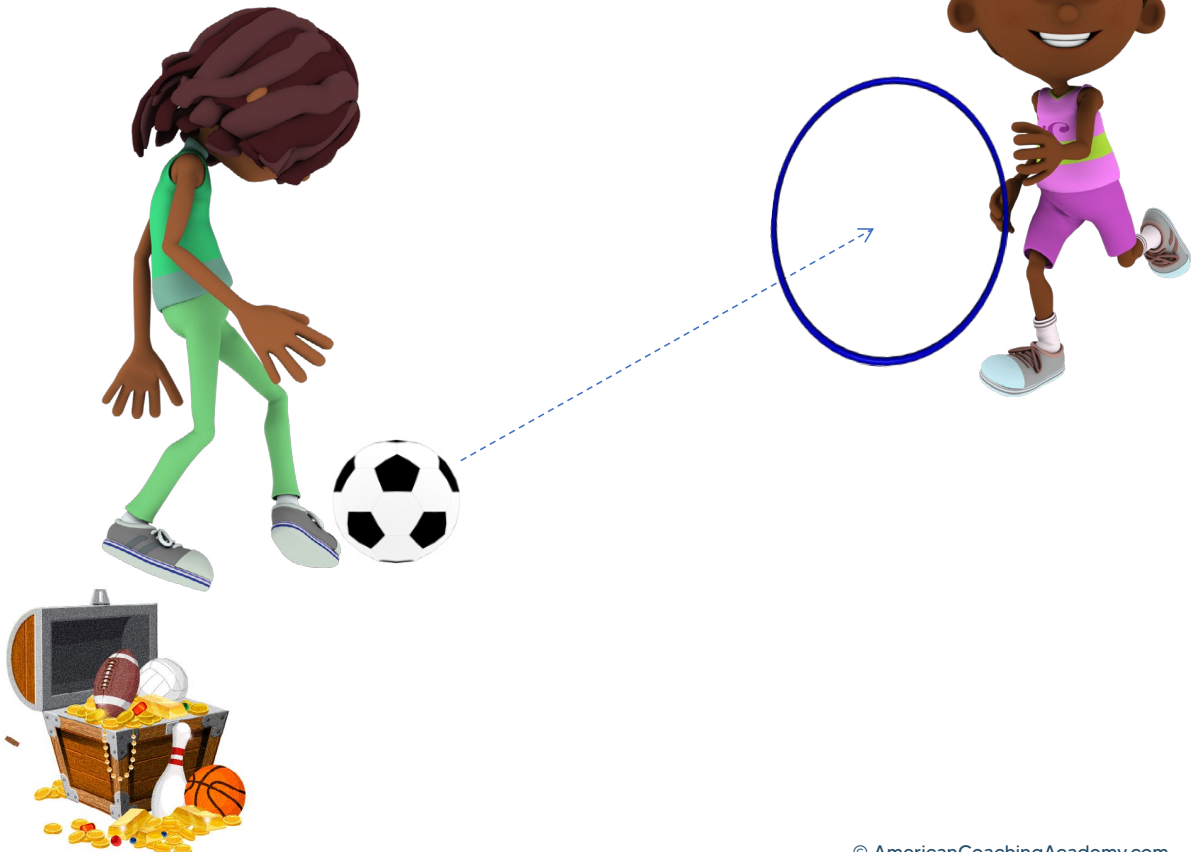


600 AD

The first soccer-like games were played in Mexico and Central America. Players scored by kicking a rubber ball through a mounted stone ring.

RING SHOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Have a friend create a target by holding a hula hoop against the ground. From 10 feet away try to kick the ball through the target. Do it 10 times to complete this challenge!



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1331

King Edward III banned soccer in England and encouraged people to spend their free time practicing archery instead.

BALL BALANCER

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and try to balance it on your ankle while standing on one foot. How long can you hold it? Do it for at least 5 seconds to complete this challenge!



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1600

Inuits in Alaska and Canada played a game called Aqsaqtuk on ice, using balls stuffed with grass.

JUGGLE THE BALL

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and begin “juggling” it using your feet, knees and head. How many times can you juggle the ball in a row? Once you get to 3, you’ve completed this challenge!



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1930

In London, England, the Football Association or "FA" established soccer as an official sport with standard rules. Later that year, the first official soccer match was played between Barnes and Richmond.

SOCCER BOWLING

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a ball and set up a bowling pin around 10-20 feet away. Kick the ball at the pin and try to knock it over! Complete this challenge by hitting it twice in a row!



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1971

Led by Pele, Brazil became the first country to win the World Cup three times. Brazil won 4-1 in the final match against Italy.

TENNIS BALL DRIBBLE

INSTRUCTIONS: Grab a tennis ball and stand inside a hula hoop. Dribble the ball back and forth inside the hula hoop using both feet. Make 20 dribbles without losing control to complete this challenge!



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1986

Diego Maradona led Argentina to a World Cup championship, winning the final match 3-2 over West Germany. Maradona scored 5 goals during the tournament, including his infamous "Hand of God" goal.

SHIELDING

INSTRUCTIONS: Find a partner and a ball. One of you is on offense, the other on defense. Use your body to shield the ball from the defender while they try to steal it or kick it away. Go for one minute to complete this challenge!



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1999

The Women's World Cup Final in Los Angeles marked the largest ever attendance for a women's sporting event in history. Led by Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, and Julie Foudy, the United States defeated China on penalty kicks in front of 90,185 screaming fans.

PENALTY KICKS

INSTRUCTIONS: Find a ball and a partner to be your goalkeeper. Stand about 20-30 feet away, take a penalty kick and try to score! Try five times. How many did you score?



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2017

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo won his fifth Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball) Award, recognizing the best footballer in the world.

GOAL CELEBRATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Ronaldo is famous for his exuberant goal celebrations! How would you celebrate scoring a game-winning goal? Find a partner and come up with a fun and unique goal celebration routine. Ask your friends to rate it on a scale of 1-10!



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2020

Canadian striker Christine Sinclair scored her 185th international goal, breaking Abby Wambach's record and becoming the leading goal scorer in women's international history

ACROBATIC GOAL

INSTRUCTIONS: Christine Sinclair is known for her acrobatic goals! What are some creative ways you can score? Have a partner toss the ball towards you. Can you volley it in with your knee, head, or feet?

