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There are more than 6,000 different languages spoken on our planet. But children all over the world understand the language of football.

Spain

The Spanish national team played 35 matches without losing a single game, between November 2006 and June 2009. This was equal to Brazil's record for the longest unbeaten run in international football. But Spain managed something that no other national team has ever done – they won 15 games in a row.



You can play football almost anywhere – in a garden, down an alley, in a playground, in a park or on a beach.

Togo

The national football team in Togo are nicknamed the Sparrow Hawks. A teenager from Togo became the youngest player ever to play in a World Cup qualifier. Souleymane Mamam represented Togo in a match against Zambia when he was 13.

