

The Six Nations

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At the Six Nations, you will see these things:



rugby ball



rugby posts



scrum



try



tackles



rugby pitch

The Six Nations is held every year. It was first held over 130 years ago.

There will be six teams playing in the Six Nations. They are England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy. All the teams will have to work very hard. They will play each other once. The team that wins the most games will win the competition.



England are one of the best teams in the world. Can they win the Six Nations?



Did You Know...?

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The 2021 Six Nations will start on 6th February. The first match is in Rome, Italy.



Six Nations in the Past

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In the Six Nations, each team plays each other once. The matches will happen in all six countries.

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The Six Nations is an international rugby competition. This means that teams from different countries play in it. England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy are the six countries who play in the competition. It will start on 6th February and end on 20th March. It takes six weeks to find a winner.

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Each team plays each other once. This means that there are 15 matches in total. The team that wins the most matches wins the Six Nations. If one team beats all the others, it is called a grand slam. The rugby players have to be fit and work very hard to win their matches.



Where is the Men's Six Nations Held?

Six Nations matches happen in all six countries. This table shows the names of the cities and stadiums where the matches will be played.

Country	City	Stadium
England	London	Twickenham
Ireland	Dublin	Aviva Stadium
Scotland	Edinburgh	BT Murrayfield
Wales	Cardiff	Principality Stadium
France	Paris	Stade de France
Italy	Rome	Stadio Olimpico

Who Has Won the Six Nations the Most?

Wales has won the most competitions. They have won it 39 times since 1883.

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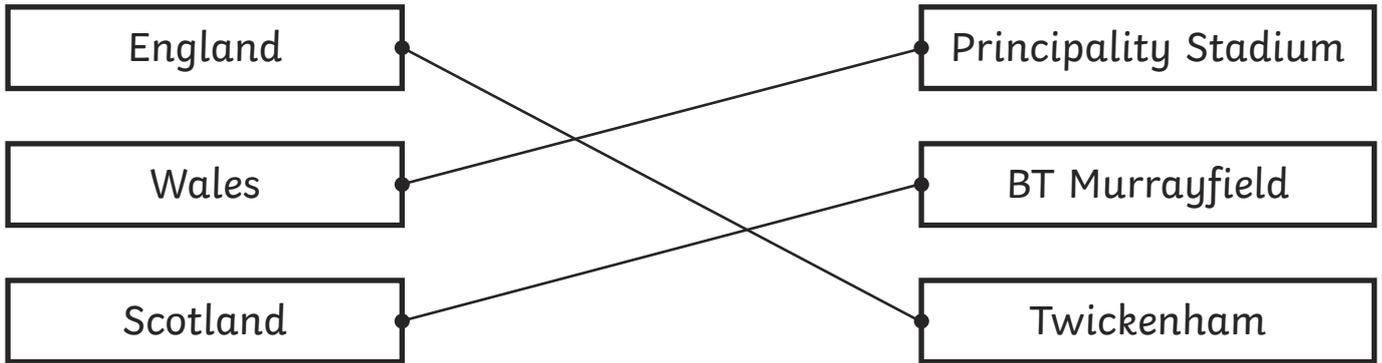
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