

RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015

Rugby National Team nicknames → Match the countries with the nicknames.

- Los Pumas Red and Whites
 Wallabies
 All Blacks Le XV de France
 The Brave Blossoms
 The Eagles Dragons

1. USA
2. France
3. New Zealand
4. Argentina
5. Wales
6. England
7. Japan
8. Australia

Browse the internet to find the nicknames of the other twelve competing countries.

| National team | Nicknames | National team | Nicknames |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Canada | | Samoa | |
| Fiji | | South Africa | |
| Georgia | | Tonga | |
| Italy | | Uruguay | |
| Namibia | | Scotland | |
| Romania | | Ireland | |



Rugby and poetry → Read the *clues* and write the missing words in the poem.
Then listen and check your answers.

- Rugby is _____ like the French crew. (*a colour*)
- Rugby is _____ like the famous All Blacks Pack. (*a colour*)
- Rugby is _____ like the side line at night. (*a colour*)
- Rugby is a stadium where _____ are cheering. (*a synonym for "fans"*)
- Rugby is a rugby pitch where _____ are fighting. (*They are 15 of them in a team.*)
- Rugby is a pub where _____ are meeting. (*a synonym for "supporters"*)
- Rugby is fantastic when the _____ team scores a try. (*your nationality*)
- Rugby is impressive when the _____ soars in the sky. (*it is oval*)
- Rugby is scary when the _____ shout the Haka cry. (*famous New Zealanders*)





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| Canada | Maple Leafs | Samoa | Manu Samoa |
| Fiji | Bati (= the warriors) | South Africa | Springboks |
| Georgia | The Lelos | Tonga | Ikale Tahi |
| Italy | Gli Azzurri | Uruguay | Los Toros |
| Namibia | Welwitschias | Scotland | (The Thistle) |
| Romania | Oaks | Ireland | (The Shamrock) |

Rugby is **blue** like the French crew. *(a colour)*

Rugby is **black** like the famous All Blacks Pack. *(a colour)*

Rugby is **white** like the side line at night. *(a colour)*

Rugby is a stadium where **supporters** are cheering. *(a synonym for "fans")*

Rugby is a rugby pitch where **players** are fighting. *(They are 15 of them in a team.)*

Rugby is a pub where **fans** are meeting. *(a synonym for "supporters")*

Rugby is fantastic when the _____ team scores a try. *(your nationality)*

Rugby is impressive when the **ball** soars in the sky. *(it is oval)*

Rugby is scary when the **All Blacks** shout the Haka cry. *(famous New Zealanders)*