

Football, Fútbol, Futebol, Soccer

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The United States is one of the few countries in the world to use the word *soccer* in reference to what's elsewhere simply called *football*. If you look at the history of the sport, though, you will realize that both words have the same origin. Football was created in England in the late 19th century and was a popular game about taking a ball through enemy territory and scoring points by reaching the far end. It has this name not because you must kick a ball with your feet, but because players play it on foot, not on horseback as was the norm back then. The problem was that every school had its own set of rules, and a Football Association was created to decide on a standard. The Football Association later decided to adopt what is known as the association football ruleset, creating a divide with rugby football. With time, association football became the most popular sport in the world, and simply known as *football* in most places. In the US though, the most popular form of football practiced was gridiron football, a derivative of rugby football, which the Americans, in turn, refer to as *football* whilst using the British slang *soccer* to refer to association football. To sum it up, *soccer* is used in countries where a different form of football prevailed.

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