

Countries challenge!

WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Can you match the countries in the box with the twelve descriptions below? (Note that four of the countries in the box are not described.)

1. It is the second most populous country in the world. Its population is smaller than China's but more than three times bigger than that of the United States.
2. Its athletes won the highest number of gold medals at the 2008 Olympic Games.
3. It contains the only city in the world that is built on two different continents. (The city is not the country's capital, but receives more foreign tourists than the capital.) The country's flag is mostly red, and so are the shirts of its national soccer team.
4. As well as having many species of animal that do not live anywhere else in the world, this large country in the southern hemisphere has a lot of dangerous animals, including crocodiles, sharks, and poisonous snakes and spiders.
5. Its capital city is further south than any other in the world. Its soccer team has qualified for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, but few people expect it to win any games. (This would be different, however, if it were the Rugby World Cup.)
6. This country is landlocked and has the highest capital city in the world. It used to be part of the Spanish Empire.
7. It consists of more than 15,000 islands, lies on the equator, and has a higher number of active volcanoes than any other country.
8. This is a hot, dry country with lots of desert. It has the world's tallest building, officially opened in January 2010.
9. This country has fewer than five million people, but it is not very small. Although English is not the first language, most people here speak it very well.
10. This country is in the south of the world's second-largest continent. It became independent in 1975 and its official language is Portuguese.
11. This country consists of fifty states. The largest, whose name begins with "A," does not have a border with any of the other forty-nine.
12. It is the world's ninth-largest country, in the world's largest continent. It has borders with five other countries, including Russia and China.

Bolivia	Pakistan	Sweden	China
Turkey	New Zealand	Indonesia	United States
Kazakhstan	Egypt	Brazil	Norway
Australia	Angola	India	United Arab Emirates

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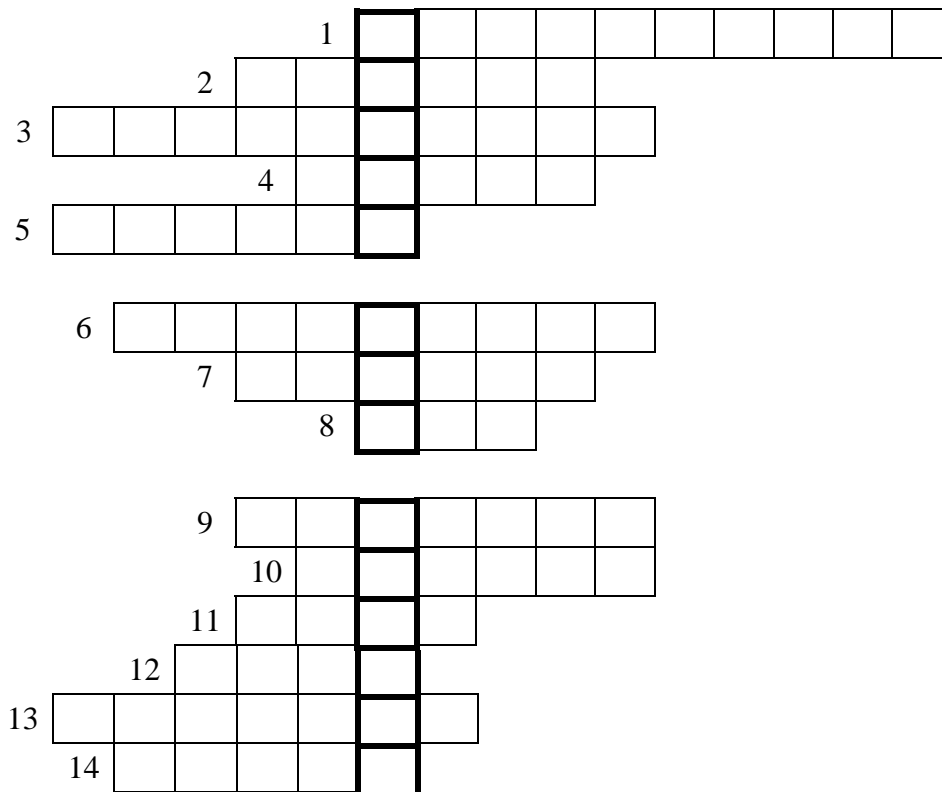
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WORKSHEET B

Exercise 2

Complete the crossword below. If all the words are correct, a country that shares a border with Country 7 on Worksheet A, and is not far away from Country 4, will read from top to bottom.



1. India has a much bigger _____ than the United States.
2. Many of the _____ found in Australia are dangerous.
3. New Zealand is in the southern _____.
4. New Zealand has a very good _____ team.
5. Angola is in southern _____.
6. _____ lies on the equator.
7. Bolivia is not next to any _____.
8. China _____ more gold medals than any other country at the 2008 Olympic Games.
9. Alaska is the _____ state in the United States.
10. Some parts of the city of Istanbul, _____, are in Europe, and other parts are in Asia.
11. Kazakhstan is in _____.
12. The United Arab Emirates doesn't get much _____.
13. Norway has a _____ population than many other countries of its size.
14. _____ is the world's most populous country.

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WORKSHEET C

Exercise 3

The descriptions below are based on those on Worksheet A, but now each of them contains two mistakes. Can you find and correct them?

1. India is the second most popular country in the world. Its population is smaller than China's but more than three times big than that of the United States.
2. China's atletes won the highest number of gold meddles at the 2008 Olympic Games.
3. Turkey tains the only city in the world that is built on two different continents. (The city is not the country's capital, but receives more foreign tourists than the capital.) The country's flat is mostly red, and so are the shirts of its national soccer team.
4. As well as having many species of animal that do not live anywhere else in the world, Australia has a lot of dangerous animals, inclusive crocodiles, snarks, and poisonous snakes and spiders.
5. New Zealand's capital city is further south than any other in the world. Its soccer team has qualified for the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, but few people expect it to win any games. (This would be different, however, if it were the Rug World Cup.)
6. Bolivia is locked and has the highest capital city in the world. It used to be part of the Spanish Emperor.
7. Indonesia consists in more than 15,000 islands, lies on the equador, and has a higher number of active volcanoes than any other country.
8. The United Arab Emirates is a hot, dry country with lots of dessert. It has the world's tallest building, official opened in January 2010.
9. Norway has fewer than five millions people, but it is not very small. Although English is not the first language, most people here speak it very good.
10. Angola is in south of the world's second-largest continent. It became indepordent in 1975 and its official language is Portuguese.
11. The United States consists of fifty states. The largest, who's name begins with "A," does not have a bord with any of the other forty-nine.
12. Kazakhstan is world's ninth-largest country, in the world's largest continent. It has borders with five others countries, including Russia and China.