

## Countries challenge! – Glossary

**border** noun [countable]  
the official line separating two countries or regions  
*the border between Hungary and Romania*

**coastline** noun [countable]  
the land along a coast, especially when seen from the sea or the air  
*Brittany's rugged coastline*

**colony** noun [countable]  
a country that is controlled by another country  
*a former British colony*

**consist of** phrasal verb [transitive]  
to be made of particular parts or things  
*Breakfast consisted of dry bread and a cup of tea.*

**European** adjective  
relating to Europe, or its people or culture  
*European languages*

**flag** noun [countable]  
a piece of cloth decorated with the pattern and colours that represent a country or organization. A flag is often hung from a pole called a flagpole.  
*The British flag is called the Union Jack.*

**foreigner** noun [countable]  
someone who comes from another country

**independent** adjective  
ruled by its own government, rather than controlled by another country  
*The republic was declared a fully independent state.*

**island** noun [countable]  
a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water  
*islands off the west coast of Canada*

**lake** noun [countable]  
a large area of water that is surrounded by land  
*There were some boys swimming in the lake.*

**name after** phrasal verb [transitive]  
to give someone or something the same name as someone or something else, especially the same first name as a member of your family  
*Albert was named after his grandfather.*

**official** adjective  
used about things that are decided by a government  
*Spanish is the country's official language.*

**population** noun [singular]  
the number of people who live in a particular area  
*Los Angeles has a population of over three million.*

**rugby** noun [uncountable]  
a game played by two teams of players with a ball shaped like an egg. Goals are scored by kicking the ball over a high bar, and points called tries are scored by putting the ball behind the goal line.

**shape** noun [countable/uncountable]  
the outer form of something  
*The room forms an L-shape.*

**-speaking** suffix  
used with the names of languages to make adjectives meaning speaking a particular language  
*Canada's French-speaking citizens*