Countries quiz

Exercise 1
Can you match the countries in the box with the twelve descriptions? (Four of the countries in the box are not described.)

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3. This Muslim country is the sixth most populous in the world, with a population of over 180 million. Its capital is Islamabad.

4. This country is the fifth most populous in the world and also the fifth biggest.

5. This is quite a large country but its population is less than three million. It has borders with Russia and China and doesn’t have a coastline. Its currency is the togrog.

6. The natural resources of this South American country include a lot of oil. Unusually for this part of the world, the most popular sport is not football: it’s baseball.

7. Most people in the north of this country speak Arabic. It is the largest country in Africa and it has a border with Egypt to the north.

8. This country, an island in the northern Atlantic Ocean, has a lot of volcanoes. When one of them erupted in 2010 it caused many problems for aircraft.

9. This is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, about 2,000 kilometres from New Zealand. Most people there can speak English and the most popular sport is rugby.

10. This country used to have an empire that included very small parts of Asia, some of southern Africa, and a large part of South America.

11. This small country, with a population of less than one million, is one of very few parts of Africa where most people can speak Spanish. It has a coastline on the Atlantic and has recently discovered a lot of oil.

12. There are more wild tigers in this country than anywhere else in the world.
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Exercise 2
Complete the crossword below. If all the words are correct, two countries will read from top to bottom: the first has a border with country 1 on Worksheet A, the second has a border with country 12.

1. ___________ is more popular in Venezuela than in most parts of South America.
2. In 1972 an ___________ in Nicaragua destroyed many buildings in Managua.
3. The population of Pakistan is almost as big as the population of ___________.
4. Many people in Fiji love ___________.
5. Many of the people in Equatorial Guinea are Spanish ___________.
6. East Timor, Mozambique and Brazil used to be part of the Portuguese ___________.
7. ___________ is not next to the sea.
8. Romania is ___________ of the European Union.
9. The ___________ of wild tigers, even in India, is falling.
10. The ___________ in Iceland is the krona, and in Venezuela the bolivar.
11. If you go south from ___________ you get to Sudan.
12. The name of the capital of ___________ means ‘City of Islam’.
13. Many planes could not ___________ because of the volcano that erupted in Iceland.
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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?

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