Countries and Continents of the World

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http://geology.com/world/world-map-clickable.gif
Africa

Second largest continent on earth
(30,065,000 Sq. Km)
Most countries of any other continent
Home to The Sahara, the largest desert in the world and The Nile, the longest river in the world
The Sahara: covers 4,619,260 km²
The Nile: 6695 kilometers long
There are over 1000 languages spoken in Africa
North America

Third largest continent on earth (24,256,000 Sq. Km)

Composed of 23 countries

Most North Americans speak French, Spanish, and English

Only continent that has every kind of climate

http://www.freeusandworldmaps.com/html/WorldRegions/WorldRegions.html
Largest continent in size and population
(44,579,000 Sq. Km)
Contains 47 countries
Contains the world’s largest country, Russia, and the most populous country, China
The Great Wall of China is the only man made structure that can be seen from space
Home to Mt. Everest (on the border of Tibet and Nepal), the highest point on earth
Mt. Everest is 29,028 ft. (8,848 m) tall
Europe

Second smallest continent in the world
(9,938,000 Sq. Km)
Home to the smallest country
(Vatican City State)
There are no deserts in Europe
Contains mineral resources: coal, petroleum, natural gas, copper, lead, and tin
Smallest continent on earth
(7,687,000 Sq. Km)

Australia is known for it’s vast wildlife
home to rare species of animals including kangaroos

“The Great Barrier Reef” is the world’s largest coral reef and is located off the coast of Australia
Antarctica

Third smallest continent on earth
(13,209,000 Sq. Km)
The lowest point on Earth is on Antarctica located 8,327 ft (2,538 m) below sea level
There are no countries in Antarctica. The U.S. and many other countries operate science stations there, but no nation owns the land
Antarctica is a desert due to its cold climate
Coldest, windiest, and driest continent

South America

Fourth smallest continent on earth
(17,819,000 Sq. Km)
Home to The Andes: world’s second largest mountain range
The second largest river-
The Amazon also runs through South America
The largest forest area in the world is seen in South America
The following countries are just a sampling of the many countries in the world. They were handpicked by Crossroads students to demonstrate diversity.
United States

Capital: Washington D.C.
Population: 313,232,044
Official Language(s): English

Notable Facts:
• Gained independence from Britain in 1776
• Mauna Kea in the state of Hawaii is the world’s tallest mountain if measured from where it starts at the bottom of the ocean
• Holds the world’s largest coal supplies
Canada

Capital: Ottawa
Population: 34,030,589
Official Language(s): English and French

Notable Facts:
- 90% of the population lives within 160 kilometers of the southern border
- Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories
- Led by Queen Elizabeth Scott of England and Governor General David Johnston
Namibia

- Capital: Windhoek
- Population: 2,147,585
- Languages: Afrikaans, German, English
- It was the first country to officially protect the environment.
Chad

- Capital: N’Djamena
- Population: 10,329,208
- Official Languages: French, Arabic
- Chad’s Independence Day is August 11th
Madagascar

- Capital: Antananarivo
- Population: 21,926,221
- Official Languages: Malagasy, French
- The island of Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world
MOROCCO

• Capital: Rabat
• Population: 31,951,412 people
• Official Language: Arabic
• Notable Facts: Many Moroccans speak both Arabic and French
Zimbabwe

- Capital: Harare
- Population: 12,084,304
- Languages: English, Shona and Sinazebele.
- Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is the largest curtain of falling water
Sudan

Capital: Khartoum
Population: 45,047,502
Official Language(s):
   English and Arabic
Notable Facts:
  • Sudan was split up recently and South Sudan became its own country.
  • Land originally part of the United Kingdom until 1956
  • Sudan has 15 states
South Sudan

Capital: Juba
Population: 8,260,490
Official Language(s): English and Arabic
Notable Facts:
• South Sudan’s independence was granted on July 9, 2011.
• South Sudan is covered in tropical forest, swamps, and grassland.
• South Sudan is split up into 10 states.
Libya

Capital: Tripoli
Population: 6,597,960
Official Language(s): Arabic
Notable Facts:
• In northern Africa
• Recently overthrew former ruler, Qadafi
• 22 districts
• Only country whose flag is completely one color: green
**Country:** Togo

**Continent:** Africa

**Population:** 6,771,993

**Capital:** Lome

**Official language:** French

**Fun Fact:** Togo gained its independence from France in 1960
Egypt

The capital of Egypt is Cairo; Egypt’s largest city. There are about 81,015,887 people living in Egypt. Egypt is one of the most populous countries in Africa and the Middle East Egyptians speak Arabic.
Russia

The capital of Russia is Moscow, and it is Russia’s largest city.
There are about 142,905,208 people living in Russia.
The official language of Russia is Russian.
Russia is the largest country in the world.
Indonesia

The capital city of Indonesia is Jakarta.

237,424,363 people live in Indonesia.

The official language of Indonesia is Indonesian.

Indonesia holds the world’s second highest level of biodiversity.
Turkey

The capital city of Turkey is Ankara.
The population of Turkey is 73,722,988.
A vast majority of the population of Turkey is Muslim.
The official language of Turkey is Turkish.
**Continent:** Europe

**Population:**
503,302

**Capital:**
Luxembourg

**Official Language:**
Luxembourgish

**Fun Fact:**
Luxembourg is one of the smallest countries in the world
INDIA

- Capital: New Delhi
- Population: 1,170,938,000 people
- Official Languages/common languages: Hindi, English
- Notable Facts: Has the 2nd Largest Population
IRAN

- Capital: Tehran
- Population: 73,973,630
- Official Language: Persian
- Notable Facts: Persian has characters that are read from right to left!
IRAQ

- Capital: Baghdad
- Population: 32,030,823
- Official Language: Arabic and Kurdish
- Notable Facts: The largest ethnic groups are Arabs.
Spain

- Capital:
- Population: 46,754,784
- Languages: Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque
- Spain has many beautiful coasts with a nice climate.
United Kingdom

- Includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
- Capital: London
- Population: 62,262,000
- Official Language: English
- Other Languages: Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Scots, Welsh, Cornish
New Zealand

- Capital: Wellington
- Population: 4,393,500
- Official Languages: English, Maori, NZ Sign Language
- The Kiwi bird is the national bird of New Zealand!
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