

50 Geography Trivia Questions for Kids

Continents, capitals, landmarks and US geography, with a full answer key.

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Continents & Oceans

1. How many continents are there on Earth?

2. What is the largest continent?

3. What is the smallest continent?

4. How many oceans are there on Earth?

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6. Which continent has no permanent human population?

7. Which ocean lies between Europe/Africa and North/South America?

8. What is the imaginary line that divides the Earth into Northern and Southern halves?

9. What is the name for the imaginary line at 0° longitude that runs through Greenwich, England?

10. Which continent is entirely south of the Equator and is known for the Amazon Rainforest?

World Capitals

11. What is the capital of France?

12. What is the capital of Japan?

13. What is the capital of Australia?

14. What is the capital of Brazil?

15. What is the capital of Canada?

16. What is the capital of Germany?

17. What is the capital of China?

18. What is the capital of India?

19. What is the capital of South Africa? (There are three — name one.)

20. What is the capital of Egypt?

Physical Geography

21. What is the tallest mountain in the world?

22. What is the longest river in the world?

23. What is the largest desert in the world?

24. What is the deepest lake in the world?

25. What is the longest mountain range in the world?

26. What is the deepest point in any ocean?

27. What is the largest rainforest in the world?

28. What country has the most volcanoes?

29. What is the name of the large crack in Earth's crust running through East Africa?

30. Which waterfall is the largest in the world by volume of water?

US Geography

31. How many states are in the United States?

32. What is the capital of the United States?

33. What is the largest state in the US by area?

34. What is the smallest state in the US?

35. What is the longest river in the United States?

36. What is the name of the famous canyon in Arizona carved by the Colorado River?

37. Which two US states do not share a border with any other US state?

38. What ocean borders the US on the east coast?

39. What is the name of the mountain range that runs down the western side of the US?

40. What five large lakes are on the border between the US and Canada?

World Landmarks & Records

41. In which country is the Great Wall?

42. In which country is the Eiffel Tower?

43. What country is home to the Taj Mahal?

44. What city has more people than any other in the world?

45. Which country is known as "the Land of the Midnight Sun" because the sun never fully sets in summer?

46. What is the name of the famous ancient city in Peru, built high in the Andes by the Inca?

47. Which country both a continent and an island — the only one of its kind in the world?

48. What is the smallest country in the world by area?

49. Which African country has the most pyramids — more even than Egypt?

50. What is the name of the large rock formation in the Australian outback sacred to the local Anangu people?

Answer Key

Continents & Oceans

1. How many continents are there on Earth? - Seven: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia (Oceania), Europe, North America, and South America.
2. What is the largest continent? - Asia — it covers about 30% of Earth's land area.
3. What is the smallest continent? - Australia (sometimes listed as Oceania when including nearby island nations).
4. How many oceans are there on Earth? - Five: the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, and Southern (Antarctic) Oceans.
5. What is the largest ocean on Earth? - The Pacific Ocean — it covers more than 30% of Earth's surface.
6. Which continent has no permanent human population? - Antarctica — only scientists and researchers stay there temporarily.
7. Which ocean lies between Europe/Africa and North/South America? - The Atlantic Ocean.
8. What is the imaginary line that divides the Earth into Northern and Southern halves? - The Equator.
9. What is the name for the imaginary line at 0° longitude that runs through Greenwich, England? - The Prime Meridian.
10. Which continent is entirely south of the Equator and is known for the Amazon Rainforest? - South America.

World Capitals

11. What is the capital of France? - Paris.
12. What is the capital of Japan? - Tokyo.
13. What is the capital of Australia? - Canberra (not Sydney — many people get this one wrong!).
14. What is the capital of Brazil? - Brasília (not Rio de Janeiro or São Paulo).
15. What is the capital of Canada? - Ottawa.
16. What is the capital of Germany? - Berlin.
17. What is the capital of China? - Beijing.
18. What is the capital of India? - New Delhi.
19. What is the capital of South Africa? (There are three — name one.) - Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), or Bloemfontein (judicial) — South Africa has three capitals!
20. What is the capital of Egypt? - Cairo — the largest city in Africa.

Physical Geography

21. What is the tallest mountain in the world? - Mount Everest, in the Himalayas (Nepal/China border) — 8,849 metres (29,032 feet) above sea level.
22. What is the longest river in the world? - The Nile (though some measurements give the Amazon a slight edge — both are accepted).
23. What is the largest desert in the world? - Antarctica — it's technically a cold desert. The largest hot desert is the Sahara in Africa.

24. What is the deepest lake in the world? - Lake Baikal in Russia — it holds about 20% of the world's unfrozen fresh water.
25. What is the longest mountain range in the world? - The Andes in South America — about 7,000 km long.
26. What is the deepest point in any ocean? - The Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench (Pacific Ocean) — about 11 km deep.
27. What is the largest rainforest in the world? - The Amazon Rainforest in South America — it covers about 5.5 million km².
28. What country has the most volcanoes? - Indonesia — it has over 130 active volcanoes and sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire."
29. What is the name of the large crack in Earth's crust running through East Africa? - The Great Rift Valley (or the East African Rift).
30. Which waterfall is the largest in the world by volume of water? - Victoria Falls on the Zambia-Zimbabwe border — called "Mosi-oa-Tunya" (The Smoke That Thunders) by local people.

US Geography

31. How many states are in the United States? - 50 states.
32. What is the capital of the United States? - Washington, D.C.
33. What is the largest state in the US by area? - Alaska.
34. What is the smallest state in the US? - Rhode Island.
35. What is the longest river in the United States? - The Missouri River (slightly longer than the Mississippi, though the Mississippi-Missouri system is often considered together).
36. What is the name of the famous canyon in Arizona carved by the Colorado River? - The Grand Canyon.
37. Which two US states do not share a border with any other US state? - Alaska (separated from the contiguous US by Canada) and Hawaii (an island chain in the Pacific).
38. What ocean borders the US on the east coast? - The Atlantic Ocean.
39. What is the name of the mountain range that runs down the western side of the US? - The Rocky Mountains (the Rockies).
40. What five large lakes are on the border between the US and Canada? - The Great Lakes: Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario. (Remember: HOMES)

World Landmarks & Records

41. In which country is the Great Wall? - China — it stretches over 21,000 km and was built to protect against northern invasions.
42. In which country is the Eiffel Tower? - France — in the capital city of Paris. It was built in 1889.
43. What country is home to the Taj Mahal? - India — the Taj Mahal is in Agra and was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife.

44. What city has more people than any other in the world? - Tokyo, Japan (the greater Tokyo metropolitan area has over 37 million people).
45. Which country is known as "the Land of the Midnight Sun" because the sun never fully sets in summer? - Norway (and other Scandinavian countries like Sweden and Finland, as well as Iceland).
46. What is the name of the famous ancient city in Peru, built high in the Andes by the Inca? - Machu Picchu.
47. Which country both a continent and an island — the only one of its kind in the world? - Australia.
48. What is the smallest country in the world by area? - Vatican City — it covers only 0.44 km² inside Rome, Italy.
49. Which African country has the most pyramids — more even than Egypt? - Sudan (ancient Nubia) — it has over 200 pyramids, more than Egypt's roughly 130.
50. What is the name of the large rock formation in the Australian outback sacred to the local Anangu people? - Uluru (also called Ayers Rock).