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Tell us about your country

A Ray



Population: 59 million

Area: 1,220,813 km²

Three capital cities: Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein

Johannesburg is the biggest city but it isn't the capital city.

11 official languages including Afrikaans, English and Zulu.

Currency: the rand

Sport: In South Africa, football, rugby and cricket are the three most popular sports.

B Sofia

I live in Germany now, but I'm not from Germany. My mother is British and my father is Mexican, so I am half-British and half-Mexican. I speak English and Spanish. I love Mexico and the UK but they are very different. I think I have a Mexican stomach because my diet includes chillies and **spicy** food. My ears aren't Mexican though, I think they are British because I think British pop music is great.

C Jakob



Is Italy an interesting country? Yes, it is.

History

There are lots of Roman **ruins**, for example the Colosseum and the city of Pompeii. There are also a lot of old buildings and museums to visit.

Sights

You can travel on a boat in Venice or see the leaning tower of Pisa. You can climb Mount Vesuvius **volcano** (don't worry, it isn't active at the moment!) or visit beaches on the Amalfi coast.

Food

Pasta, pizza, ice cream – it's all delicious!

D Annie



I'm from Montreal in eastern Canada, so I'm Canadian. I speak English and French because they are both official languages in Canada. We spend a lot of time outside. In the summer we go **camping**. We stay by a lake so we do water sports, go walking or ride our bikes. In winter the weather is very cold. There is a lot of snow but life isn't boring. There are lots of winter sports like **ice skating** and **skiing**. The important thing is to have warm clothes.

Subskill: Identifying different types of text

Scan all the texts quickly and decide what type of information they give you: facts, dates, general information, personal information, etc.

1 ☆ Read the subskill. Scan the texts A–D. Match each text with statements 1–5. There is one extra statement.

- 1 The student writes about their habits and what they like to do. _____
- 2 The student gives general information about their country. _____
- 3 The writer describes things you can see and do in their country. _____
- 4 The student shares their personal information and their likes. _____
- 5 The writer gives unusual information about their country. _____

2 ☆ Read the texts and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Is Ray from South Africa?
a Yes, he is. b We don't know.
c No, he isn't.
- 2 Where is Sofia's father from?
a from the United States. b from Mexico.
c from Peru.
- 3 Where does Sofia live?
a in the UK. b in Mexico.
c in Germany.
- 4 What food does Jakob mention?
a pizza and pancakes
b pasta and fruit
c pasta and ice cream
- 5 Is Annie Italian?
a Yes, she is.
b No, she isn't.
c We don't know.
- 6 What languages does Annie speak?
a She speaks English and French.
b She speaks French and Spanish.
c She only speaks English.

3 ☆☆ Complete the notes. Then read and check.

- 1 In South Africa, there are _____ capital cities, but Johannesburg isn't one of them.
- 2 South Africans enjoy playing _____, _____ and cricket.
- 3 Sofia's mother _____ and her father _____.
- 4 In Italy you can learn about Italian _____ by visiting old buildings like the Colosseum.
- 5 Winter in Canada _____ but it isn't boring because you can do lots of _____.

4 ☆☆ Word work: Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then find those words in bold in the text and check.

camping ice skating ruins
skiing spicy volcano

- 1 Popocatépetl, in Mexico, is an example of a _____ which is active, sometimes you can see smoke at the top.
- 2 I love _____ down the mountain very fast.
- 3 We often go _____ in the summer. I like sleeping outside near a lake or mountain.
- 4 In the Winter Olympic Games®, Canadians are often good at _____.
- 5 My brother loves _____ food. His favourite is Indian curry.
- 6 In Scotland, there are a lot of _____ of very old buildings like castles.

5 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- 1 Which text did you find interesting? Why?

- 2 Answer the magazine question yourself.
Tell us about Lithuania.



A phone conversation

- 1 ☆ Read the subskill. Look at the photos of one city. Choose the correct option in each sentence. What is the name of the city?



Subskill: Using visual clues

Look at the photos before you listen to have an idea of what the listening is about.

- 1 The listening is about a **big/small** city.
- 2 The city looks **empty/crowded**.
- 3 There are some **beautiful/ugly** places to visit.

City: _____

- 2 ☆☆☆ Listen to the conversation and choose the correct answers.

- 1 Is Finn Japanese? **Yes, he is./No, he isn't.**
- 2 Is the Tokyo Tower a very modern building? **Yes, it is./No, it isn't.**
- 3 Is it safe to travel on the crowded train? **Yes, it is./No, it isn't.**
- 4 Are the streets of Tokyo dirty? **Yes, they are./No, they aren't.**
- 5 Is the air in Tokyo very clean? **Yes, it is./No, it isn't.**
- 6 Is sushi Finn's favourite snack? **Yes, it is./No, it isn't.**

- 3 ☆☆☆ Listen again and complete the sentences.

- 1 There are _____ views from the top of the Tokyo Tower.
- 2 The Tokyo Tower is about _____ years old.
- 3 All of Tokyo has a population of _____ million.
- 4 The underground is very _____ in the morning when people go to work.
- 5 Tokyo is a _____ city because there are a lot of cars and scooters.
- 6 Mount Fuji is _____ Tokyo.

- 4 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- 1 Do you want to visit Tokyo? Why/Why not?
What other city do you want to visit? Why?

- 2 Is your home town similar to Tokyo? Why/Why not?

A keypal message

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Hi there!

My name's Zuzanna. I'm 12.

I'm from Kazimierz Dolny in Poland. It's a small town, but it's very beautiful.

I live with my mum and dad and my brother, Filip. My dad's from Germany. I speak Polish, German and a little English.

In my free time, I like listening to music and playing basketball.

I want to meet people from different countries and practise my English. Please write and tell me about you and your family, your town and your hobbies.

Posted: Wednesday

Start with a friendly greeting

Remember to use capital letters

Use a separate paragraph for different types of information

Tell the readers what you want to know

1 Read Zuzanna's message. Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)? Correct the false sentences.

- Zuzanna is 12.
- Kazimierz Dolny is a Polish city.
- Her brother's name is Filip.
- Zuzanna is German.
- She likes playing music.
- She wants to have friends from other countries.

2 Add capital letters to the text.

hi!

my name's heiko and i'm from austria. we live in the capital, vienna. i go to an american school, so i speak german and english. my best friend is manuel – he's from chile.

Hi!

3 Choose the correct option.

- New York is a very **quiet/noisy** city.
- I live in Paris – the capital of **French/France**.
- My mother's **Spain/Spanish**.
- Venice is a very **ugly/beautiful** city in Italy.
- My grandparents are from **Latvia/Latvian**.
- The centre of London is normally very **crowded/empty**.

4 Complete the dialogue with the words in brackets and the correct form of be. Use contractions where possible.

Karin: Hi. Where 1 (you / ?) from?

João: 2 (we / +) from Rio de Janeiro.

Karin: 3 (Rio / ?) the capital of Brazil?

João: No, 4 (it / –). It's a big city, but it isn't the capital. The capital 5 (Brasilia / +).

Karin: 6 (Rio / ?) on the sea?

João: Yes, 7 (it / +). The 8 (beaches / +) fantastic!